

MAYTOWN BICENTENNIAL

Maytown, Pennsylvania

(Lancaster County)



1760 — 1960



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Greetings

This volume has been prepared for the chief purpose of presenting as far as possible the story of the founding and the progression of the town of Maytown, Pennsylvania.

Many persons from all walks of life including governmental, educational, military, and scientific occupations have gone from this community to serve the larger community and the nation in important and significant roles. Many families have remained here to perform a vital function and leave an indelible impression on this community.

Now after 200 years, we have decided to bring to you interested people just some of the highlights of our town.

In preparation of this book, a large number of people have been contacted in person and by telephone. We drew from their "Storehouse of memory" many of these written words. Our thanks to them. Our special thanks to people who prepared special articles. To our many friends and ad contributors—our gratitude!

In years to come as you read this book, it will be well to remember just how much the past contributes to the present and the future.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Maytown Bicentennial of 1960

SPEAKERS

General Strickler is an Attorney-at-Law with offices in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is a former Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, a former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and a former Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard.

General Strickler returned from Japan in 1957 to civilian life. In Japan he was Assistant Chief of Staff of the United Nations and Far East Command in charge of Governmental Affairs and Civil relations involving Japan, Korea, Okinawa, and the Ryukyu Islands.

The General enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1916, served along the Mexican Border in 1916-17 with the 28th Infantry Division and served with the same Division in Europe in World Wars I and II, and again during the Korean Emergency.

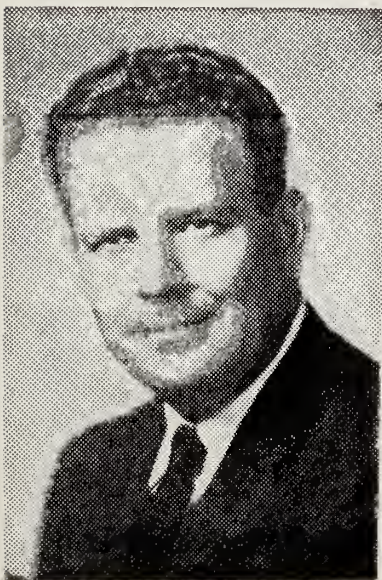
General Strickler has been decorated for bravery and for heroic achievement a number of times, including Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, LEGION OF MERIT with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Order of Leopold, Degree of Officer with Palm from Belgium, Croix de Guerre from Belgium, Verdun Medal from France, the Croix de Guerre with Palm from France, Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Order of the Rising Sun from Japan.

He was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1897 and graduated from Columbia High School. He attended Cornell University and graduated from the Cornell Law College in 1922. General Strickler has practiced law in Lancaster since 1923 except for two periods when called into military service.

General Strickler is and has been active in many civic and church affairs.



Lt. General Daniel B. Strickler



Dr. Kenneth R. Maurer

Dr. Kenneth R. Maurer is a minister in the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church, and has served as pastor of St. John's E. C. Church, Allentown, Pa., from 1939 to 1947, and of Trinity E. C. Church, Frackville, Pa., from 1947 to 1953. In 1953 he was elected to the office of Dean and Professor of Church History of the Evangelical Congregational School of Theology, located at Myerstown, Pa., and he has been serving in this capacity since then. He is active in denominational work, having served as Statistical Secretary of the East Pa. Conference for a number of years, as President of the Sunday School and K. L. C. E. Federation, and as a delegate to the General Conference. He also represents his denomination as a trustee of the Pennsylvania Temperance League, and serves at present as the secretary of the Executive Committee of that organization.

Programme

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 1, 1960

7:30 P.M. Fun Parade
Square Dancing Cake Walk
 in center square
 (An evening to set the festive mood)

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 2, 1960

1:30 P.M. Bicentennial Historical Program to
 be held at the Brethren in Christ Church Grove
 Speaker, Lt. General Daniel B. Strickler
 Former Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania
 Music by the Bicentennial Chorus under the direction of
 Mrs. Arnold Fink
 Greetings by Mr. Samuel C. Slaymaker
 President, Lancaster County Historical Society
 Recognition of distinguished guests and returned citizens by
 Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Paul Beshler

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Antiques are on display all days at the Maytown School starting
at 10:00 A.M.

Programme

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 2, 1960 (Cont.)

- 3:30 P.M. Alumni Day
Dedication of Bell Tower, Maytown School
Individual Class Reunions
(Registration at schoolhouse 12 noon to 5 p.m.)
- 8:00 P.M. The Queen's Ball
Crowning of the Queen
(Maytown School Auditorium)

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SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1960

- Morning Special Services in All Churches
- 7:00 P.M. Concert by Bicentennial Chorus
- 8:00 P.M. Religious Convocation
Speaker, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Maurer, Dean Evangelical
Congregational Theological Seminary, Myerstown,
Pennsylvania
(Concert and Convocation to be held in the Maytown
School Auditorium)

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 1960

- 10:00 A.M. Athletic Events and Games
- 6:00 P.M. Bicentennial Parade
- 10:00 P.M. Fireworks Display

STREETS LEADING FROM MAYTOWN SQUARE (1960)



Top left — Road to Marietta. Right — Road to the river via Vinegar Ferry road.
 Bottom left — Road to Mount Joy. Right — Road to Elizabethtown

EARLY HISTORY

by Mary Strickler Sarver

In the midst of Lancaster County, one of the richest agricultural counties in the United States, is situated the village of Maytown. It was founded in May, 1760, hence the name. Not long after the founding of the town the wedding of John P. Lapsley and Mary Swope was solemnized on May tenth on the square. To celebrate the happy occasion, the citizens of the town erected a May Pole and danced around it. Thus, was started a custom which continued for many years. The first May Pole was cut down by the Indians but it was replaced by a new one. The spacious square was an ideal spot for this annual community celebration.

A number of Indian tribes inhabited this area of Pennsylvania when the first white settlers moved into the region. Many lives were lost and much property damaged or destroyed by both sides as the Indians were being driven westward.

In 1748 Lazarus Lowrey, an Indian trader, was issued a patent for 411 acres of land, in the township of Donegal, by the Chester County court. Through this tract of land the "Great Road" or Old Peter's Road" ran and upon which the village of Maytown eventually was plotted. In the same year Mr. Lowrey sold 150 acres of this tract to Dennis Sullivan, a fur trader in his employ. He was unable to pay for the land, due to losses sustained in fights with the Indians, and Mr. Lowrey re-purchased the land at sheriff's sale. In 1753 he resold the land to John Kennedy, also a trader. He also met with hostile Indians and was carried away into captivity by them. When his land was sold by the sheriff in 1754, it was purchased by traders, Thomas Harris and Joseph Smith who held a mortgage against the land.

In February 15, 1760, Jacob Downer, who had purchased adjoining land from Lazarus Lowrey ten years earlier, purchased the tract from Harris and Smith. Several months later, May 1, 1760 he plotted a town on the land he had recently acquired and named it Maytown. It was well planned, seemed to be a desirable location, and lots sold readily. However, only ground or quit-rent deeds were given and though these rents brought in quite a sum they were not sufficient to meet his obligations. In 1770 the land and ground rents were purchased at sheriff's sale by Col. Alexander Lowrey, the youngest son of the original owner. He bequeathed the ground rents to his daughter, Frances Evans, in 1805. She sold to John Smith about 1828. A year or so later he sold them to John Whitehill. After quite a bit of litigation between landlord and renter, fee-simple title had been acquired by the landholders.



Donegal Church at Donegal Springs

The first settlers in Maytown were mostly Germans. Many were in the vicinity a number of years before the town was laid out. The traders opened the way for the farmers and mechanics. Early records bear names common to the present day in the area: Albright, Barr, Derr, Haines, Hoffinan, Hollinger and Peck. Simon Cameron, son of William Cameron, a tailor and innkeeper, was appointed Secretary of War by Abraham Lincoln. He also served in the United States Senate.

Although Maytown was plotted on the road over which Indian traders and settlers to the "west" traveled in the early days, it was by-passed by the main arteries of travel after the first quarter of the nineteenth century. This may account to a large extent for its slow growth. There was a decrease in population during some periods. Since World War II there has been a boom in the home building industry and population has been on the increase. There are two hundred twenty families that receive mail at the Post Office at this time. Many new homes within walking distance of the "Square" are now served by rural mail carriers. A recent survey revealed one hundred forty-one old houses and forty-two new ones. This is a reversal of the statement in a Lancaster County History published in 1924, "Unfortunately the village is not progressing."

Maytown industries and factories remained small according to present day standards but



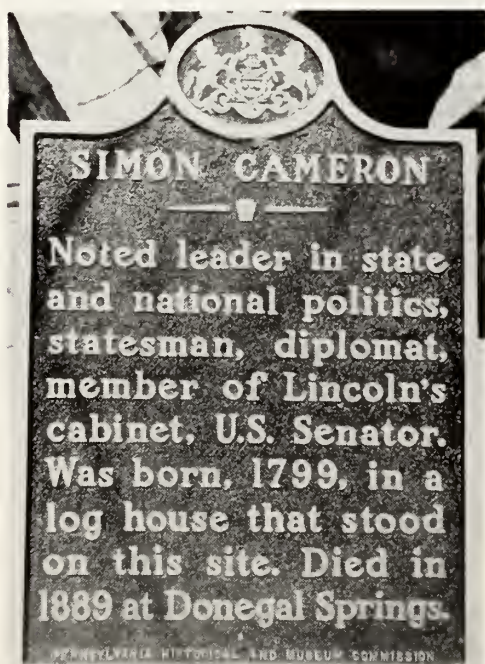
Simon Cameron's Mansion at Donegal Springs

what they lacked in quantity was made up in quality. There are many examples of fine workmanship in the churches and homes built of stone, brick, and wood. Many of these edifices, built many years ago, prove superior skill in masonry, brick laying and carpentry. Nearly all the locksmiths and blacksmiths were forced to close their shops with the coming of the machine age. The advent of the automobile and tractor caused the carriage and wagon builders to turn their shops into garages.

In the early years of this century, the manufacturing of products from tobacco raised locally employed many local residents. In just a quarter of a century hand-made cigars, along with dozens of other hand-made items, have practically become unobtainable. The manufacturing of shoes and clothing now give employment to local residents.

During the past fifty years, the following artisans, shopkeepers and suppliers of various services have served the community:*

Bakers: Howard Derstler, David Hollenbaugh, George Houseal



Barbers: Hiram Engle, Irvin Fair, Lewis Hartman, John Longenecker, Ross Trego, Mr. Sipe

Beauty Shops: Elsie Hess, Roberta Baker

Blacksmiths: John Albright, Frank Morton, Cleve Sload, Harry Sload

Butchers: Arthur Dupler, Frank Nissley, George Sload, Collin Tome, Henry Tome

Brickmakers: David Garber, Christian Kauffman, Jacob Strickler

Cabinet Makers: Henry Frank, Jacob Heisey, Jeffry Shireman, Harry Shireman, Frank Snger, Abram Singer, Ralph Shireman

Cigar Manufacturers: George Glattacker, Henry Haines, Howard Shireman, C. G. Longenecker, Albert Risser, John Roath

Coachmakers: Henry Frank, Charles Frank, George Kendig

Electric Shops: Hiram Miller, Roy Springer

Builder: George Welchans

Garages: Mervin Arnold, Albert Derr, Henry Frank, Harry Frank, Cleve Sload, Harry Sload, Elmer Strickler

Hardware: Arnold Fink, C. A. Straley

Hotels: Harvey Butzer, Phares Bollinger, Mr. Drybread, Charles Morton, Mr. Schroeder, Andrew Struck, Caleb Rife, James Doles, Elmer Fisher, Mr. Kautz, William McGuire, Harry Newcomer, Clayton Seifert, Mr. Wenger, Henry Weim

Manufacturing: Lucas Garment Factory, Maytown Garment, Maytown Shoe

Memorials: Joseph Keener, John Keener

Photographer: John K. Miller

Physicians: Michael Gratch, G. A. Harter

Restaurants: Howard Derstler, Arthur Dupler, Arnold Fink, Charles Hollenbaugh, Joseph Lehman, Ella McClure, Enos Miller, Emily Roath, Claytown Seifert, John Warner, George Warner

Shoe Repair: Ernest Albright, Frank Conner, Straley Bros., Benjamin Boltz

Stores: Artz Store, John A. Dehoff, Arthur Dupler, Abram Fletcher, John Herchleroth, Norman Herchleroth, C. C. Hicks, Robert Houseal, George Huntzinger, Jessie Klugh, B. S. Sheibley, Carl Shenk, Lester Shenk

Tobacco Packers: Elmer Grove, M. R. Hoffman, John Keener, Abram Shaffner, Albert Risser, Jacob Risser

Plumbers: Henry Haines, James Keller, Charles Mayer, Wilbur Mohr, Herman Shue

Welder: William Gilbert

*These were compiled from the best sources available.

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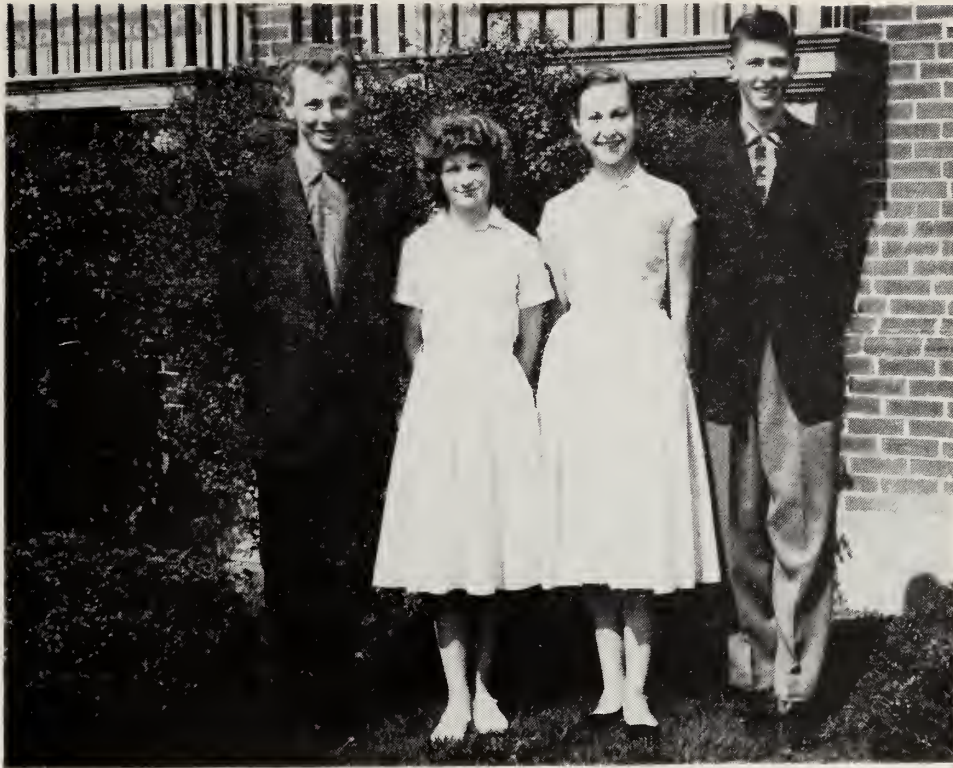


Top row: George Waller, Martin Trostle, Warden Wilson, Arnold Fink, Rev. Wilbur Allison.
Middle row: Sam Johns, Adam Greer, Marvin Foltz, James Shank, Mervin Arnold, William Smith.
Front row: Mary Shank, Anna Haines, Mary Sarver, Harry P. Frank, Helen Hollenbaugh, Alice Glattacker, Betty Lutze.



Front row: Mrs. Florence Barnhart, Mrs. John Buller, Mrs. Margaret Frank.
Top row: Grace Henderson, Josephine Beshler, Jack Frank, Harold Endslow, Mrs. Mary Earhart, Mrs. Arnold Fink, Mrs. C. C. Hicks.

TEENAGE OFFICERS



These people lead the teen-agers in their work for the Bicentennial Celebration. Left to right: George Glattacker, Kathleen Sload, Phyllis Keener, David Greer.



A costume was designed and made by the women of Maytown to be worn the four days of the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Heuer model the costume in the picture at right.



BICENTENNIAL QUEEN CONTESTANTS



Back row: Lorraine Gilbert, Jane Leese, Linda Hayden, Tana Leas, Carolyn Showalter. Front row: Sandy Scott, Millie Arnold, Pauline Shirk, Lois Fuhrman.

THE MAYTOWN BI-CENTENNIAL QUEEN by Isabelle Hixon, Chairman

As this book goes to press, the Bi-Centennial Queen contest is well underway. Since the Queen cannot be finally selected until the night of the Queen's Ball, we regret that announcement of the winner cannot be given at this time. Competition is limited to residents of the Maytown voting district, and from this area twenty-one young ladies between the ages of 15 through 20 have entered the contest.

In selecting the Bi-Centennial Queen, the novel idea of a Balloon Derby has been introduced, whereby the twelve contestants selling the most Derby tickets will become the "Darling Dozen" who will be eligible for further competition. In its operation, the Balloon Derby offers substantial cash prizes to purchasers of the tickets of the three helium-filled balloons which travel the farthest across country and are returned by their finders according to instructions printed on each ticket attached to the balloons. Selling the most Derby tickets does not place any contestant ahead of another in the competition, but merely places

her in the "Darling Dozen."

In this final judging, each contestant will be judged on much more than God-given talent and beauty; she will be judged on what she has done for herself in becoming a young lady—in short, she will be judged on the real person she presents herself to be. In order to reach this decision, the Darling Dozen, with their escorts, will be presented to the judges during a garden party and dinner, July 2nd. Later that evening, at the Queen's Ball, they will be presented in formal dress for final judging, during the Parade of the Queens, with their escorts. Following this, the decisions of the judges will be known and the Maytown Bi-Centennial Queen will be crowned, to reign throughout the remaining days of the celebration. Judges selected for the Queen program are one from Industry, one from the Press, and one from the Military, and are experienced in contest judging. The contestants for Bi-Centennial Queen are very proud of the fact that through their operation of the Balloon Derby by their Queen program, including gifts and prizes, is expected to be self-supporting.

Back row: Jane Keck, Linda Weidman, Carol Goepfrich, Carol Gratch, Donna Singer. Front row: Joyce Hess



STATISTICAL DATA OF EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ELECTED TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Board of Supervisors

Charles M. Houseal
Norman M. Heisey
Lloyd H. Fuhrman

Republican Committeemen:

Clayton Miller, Lincoln School Dist.
Charles M. Houseal, Maytown Dist.
Curvin Martin, Springville Dist.

Donegal Union School Board Members from East Donegal Township

John D. Roland, Secretary
J. Edw. Charles
Jay Nissley Gingrich
Roy E. Longenecker
Martin S. Musser

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Josephine Gillham, Lincoln School Dist.
Roberta A. Foltz, Maytown Dist.
Patricia Buller, Springville Dist.

Assessor: Henry B. Heisey

Tax Collector: Ira Huber

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Justice of Peace: Arthur Wolgemuth

Democratic Committeemen:

Charles A. Scholl, Lincoln School Dist.
Martin L. Trostle, Maytown Dist.
H. W. Buller, Albert Nentwig, Francis Clark
(each one is tied) Springville Dist.

Democratic Committeewomen:

Marie B. Staley, Lincoln School Dist.
Florence Margraff, Maytown Dist.

Population of East Donegal Twp. 1950 Census — 3,459

East Donegal Township was formed on 24th June, 1838, when Donegal Township was divided into East Donegal and West Donegal townships. Donegal Township was one of the seventeen original townships erected on 9th June, 1729, when Lancaster County was established. Actually, an earlier Donegal Township was created in 1722, when this county was part of Chester County; it included much of the land northwest of the Pequea Creek. Upon the erection of Lancaster County in 1729, Donegal Township was reduced to the area north and west of the Big Chiques Creek, and was constituted one of the original 17 townships of Lancaster County.

CHURCHES

THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

The Brethren in Christ denomination was organized in this community about three miles from Maytown—nearly two hundred years ago. In those early days worship services were held in homes or even barns. In the latter part of the nineteenth century, places of worship privileges were provided by the denomination with services in the Reich's church every six weeks.

In the early 1920's consideration was given to providing a place of worship in the Maytown area. Several sites were considered, and finally the lot on which the present building stands was purchased from Miss Gertrude Francis. Cornerstone laying took place in 1922 and the building was completed early in 1923. Dedication services were held April 29, 1923.

A large shed was erected to the south of the church building for sheltering horses in the "horse and carriage" days.



Brethren in Christ Church

Two of the men who were vitally interested in the original building and who served on the building committee were John Shank, grandfather of John Hiestand, and Aaron Hoffman, grandfather of John Hoffman, both grandsons now known among us as local bankers.

During 1949 some renovating took place. The growth of the Sunday School called for additional facilities and Sunday School rooms were provided in the basement. At this time, also, an automatic oil burning furnace was installed, indoor rest rooms were made available, the shed to the south was removed, and a macadam driveway and parking space were provided.

In 1958 the interior of the main audience room was remodeled and redecorated, providing for worshippers the beautiful sanctuary now in evidence.

Many worshippers of the past and the present recall with much satisfaction the inspiration received from services in the Maytown Brethren in Christ Church. At a Homecoming occasion

within the past decade many former members of the Sunday School and congregation recounted happy recollections and recall with warm and heartfelt appreciation spiritual values received during their worship experiences in this church.

In January of the current year Rev. Avery Musser was installed as pastor of this congregation. He succeeds Rev. B. E. Thuma who served in this capacity during the past eighteen years.

GLEANINGS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE MAYTOWN CHURCH OF GOD

The apparent beginning of the Maytown Church of God was in 1829, as a more authentic record of 1854 refers to twenty-five years prior to that date when a society of this denomination was organized in Maytown with ten or twelve constituent members. It was at first a branch of the church at Bainbridge. Services were held occasionally in the Reformed Church, and prayer meetings were held in private homes.

Prominent among the first members were Benjamin Herr, Frederick Reidlinger, John L. Martin, Jacob Hull, Michael Sherbahn, John Bronstetter, Christian Grove, and others.

The number of members gradually increased, and in 1859 a church building was erected. It is a brick structure, 40 x 48 ft. in size, plainly



Church of God

but well finished. A tower was added, and the inside was remodeled about ten years since. This society was at first pastorally connected with that at Mt. Joy, and subsequently with that at Bainbridge.

Not much of record is available between 1859 to 1897, but some of the pastors who are known to have served during that time are: Rev. W. J. Grissinger, Jesse Berkstresser, Dr. A. P. Stover, and Rev. I. A. MacDannald.

Bainbridge and Maytown apparently were put together as a charge November 1, 1897 and was served by Elder P. H. Hershey until November 1, 1899; Rev. Bartells to November 1, 1900; T. K. Baker to November 1, 1901; H. S. Hershey to October 1, 1903; J. F. Meixel to 1904; T. B. Tyler to 1907; H. P. Ashton to 1908; C. E. Rice to 1909; and E. E. Kauffman to November 1, 1914.

At the Eldership in Altoona in October, 1910 Bainbridge and Maytown were divided, and Maytown was made a separate station. Rev. E. E. Kauffman was retained as pastor of this formed station and served until 1914.

In 1901 the membership enrollment was 43. The number of members in 1911 was 31, a drop since 1901. The records seem to show a lull in the work, the going was hard. From 1901 to 1912 the salary paid was \$12.50 per month and did not change during those eleven years. In 1914 the salary was increased to \$41.00 per month. After that the salary was raised \$200.00 and \$300.00 at a time until it has reached its present figure. The following pastors have served since that date: M. C. Manning, J. C. Witmer, J. W. Gable, Raymon Bair, Harvey Wagner, Jr., G. W. Broskey, W. H. Hower, Jonas Martin, Gerald Marzolf, William Wagner and F. R. Wiest the present pastor.

During the period from 1915 until the present time 1960, much of the church furniture such as the organ, chimes, stained glass windows, carpeting, steeple over the bell tower, etc., were presented to the church by Sunday school classes and individuals who were interested in the welfare of the church.

Through the years the church and Sunday school gradually grew until the physical facilities proved to be inadequate for the numbers attending. In the early thirties an addition was made to the church house for the purpose of housing the primary departments of the Sunday school, the remainder of the Sunday school using the main church house as a place of meeting.

In 1957 it became quite evident that the Sunday school and church could not grow properly because of lack of adequate physical facilities. At this time plans were drawn up and the church began to contribute monies for the purpose of erecting an Educational Building. The people



New Addition to Church of God

gave liberally and in April of 1959 ground was broken and the erection of a new building began on a lot adjoining the present church house. This lot was purchased and donated by Mervin S. Arnold. The addition added in the thirties was done away with partly by plan and partly by mishap so that the structure adjoining the church house is entirely new. The corner stone for the new building was laid August 7, 1959 exactly one hundred years after the corner stone of the present church house was laid.

It became necessary to reorganize the Sunday school, as far as classes were concerned upon entering the new building, because the old structure of organization would not be conducive to growth in the light of more modern equipment and facilities. The Educational Building was completed the fall of 1959 at a cost of approximately \$35,000.00 including the furnishings, over half the cost being at hand at time of completion, leaving a debt which we hope will be liquidated in a brief period of years.

Much can be said for those who contributed so liberally, who volunteered their services so readily to bring this enterprise to completion November 29, 1959. It is our earnest prayer that this event may be but a milestone on the way of a continued ministry of this church for the edification of its people, for the blessing of the community and for the glory of God.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The history of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Maytown, is closely identified with the history of the town in which it is situated, and with which it grew. While Jacob Downer was laying out the town lots of Maytown, events were transpiring at Lancaster, the influence of which was soon to be manifested in this new town. Ludwig Lindemuth and his wife Margareta, came from Germany and arrived in Lancaster County, September 19, 1749. They bought



New addition to St. John's Lutheran Church

a farm, about one mile south of the present site of Mount Joy. They attended the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. In the rapidly growing village of Maytown, so near his home, Lindemuth saw his opportunity for doing practical missionary work in the interest of his beloved Church. Gradually he gathered together the Lutherans who had settled in the neighborhood and those who were making their home in Maytown, and in 1765, with the assistance of Peter Thiel, Johan Adam Nas, Johan Jacob Wolf, Philip Brenner, Frederick Bauer, Frederick Schwartz, Philip Klug and others, he succeeded in organizing and founding the first Lutheran Church in Donegal Township, west of Lancaster. Their first meetings were held in a log building situated on Queen Street, on one of the two lots, which later in 1770 were presented to the Church, by Jacob Downer, together with the building. The congregation worshipped in the log church until the year 1803, when the cornerstone of the first stone Church west of Lancaster, with the exception of the old Donegal Church, was laid. On October 30th, 1803, the first Communion was held in the new Church. In 1810 the bell and belfry were added to the Church and placed on the south end of the building. It was not until 1830 that

the first Lutheran Sunday School was organized, with Mr. John Brown and Mr. John Stoner as Superintendents. Monroe J. Alleman entered upon his studies for the Lutheran ministry at the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in the year 1844, the first student from this congregation to enter the ministry. The Church was remodeled and re-dedicated on June 23, 1874. The first Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized on October 20, 1880. A Lutheran Aid Society was formed, but no records were kept until September 18, 1878. The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized on March 23, 1892. Preaching in German was discontinued in 1862. In 1802 the Church rented as a schoolhouse, there being no schools in the town at that time. In 1853 the Church was rebuilt and made into a two-story structure. During the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Apple, after the burning of the Columbia bridge in 1863, the pastor with many other citizens of the town organized a home guard to help repel the threatened invasion of the Confederate army, but their services were not needed. It was from the upper story of the Church that the advance of the Confederates on the York County side of the Susquehanna was first noted by residents of Donegal township and the movements of



St. John's Lutheran Church

the troops relayed to various river towns in Lancaster County. In 1863 the congregation purchased a four-octave melodion which was in use for over thirty years. Thaddeus Stevens, the "Great Commoner" was among the first subscribers, giving \$10. In 1879 the old Communion service, after 113 years' use, was replaced by a new set. In 1896 the Church again was remodeled, the tower being the gift of Abraham S. Rhoads. The old gallery was lowered but the base of the banister was left intact, being one of the original hand-carved beams of the old gallery built in 1804. The young men who entered the Lutheran ministry from this congregation were the Revs. Monroe, J. Alleman, John W. Wolfe, John S. Tome, Edward B. Buller, and Luther S. Straley.

On Easter Sunday, 1915, the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of St. John's Church, Maytown, was celebrated with special services. The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Sunday School was celebrated with a special program on Sunday, May 18, 1930. The Church was again rededicated on Sunday, February 7, 1926.

In the month of December, 1946, a fine set of Carillon Bells was placed in the Church tower by Mr. George R. Drabenstadt, as a Memorial "To the members of this Community who have served their Country in time of war, that the melody they bring may ever be a reminder of the gratitude we owe to these men and women, is the heartfelt hope of the Donor." On Sunday, September 13, 1953, the newly-rebuilt pipe organ and new console were dedicated.

On Sunday, April 12, 1959, ground was broken for an Education Building, adjoining the Church in the rear to cost approximately \$75,000, without the furnishings. The Pastor, Rev. Wilbur M. Allison, delivered the sermon and turned the first spadeful of earth, followed by Mrs. Bard Buller, oldest baptized member of the Church; Mr. John Sweitzer, Lay President of the Church Council; Mr. Paul Beshler, Chairman of the Building Committee; and Mr. Stanley F. Huber, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

This Church was served by 42 Pastors from 1765 to the present time. Perhaps those who are best remembered by the older members of the present congregation, are those who served in more recent years, such as: Rev. W. H. Harding, 1891-1897; Rev. Julius F. Seebach, 1897-1900; Rev. George P. Goll, 1900-1904; Rev. P. H. R. Mullen, 1904-1908; Rev. G. Arthur Fry, 1908-1913; Rev. Joseph D. Krout, 1913-1917; Rev. Alfred T. Sutcliffe, 1917-1920; Rev. Charles W. Baker, 1920-1924; Rev. J. E. MacDonald, 1925-1930; and Rev. Kirby M. Yiengst, 1930-1946; Supply Pastors during the interim were: Rev. John W. Fry and Rev. Robert J. Wolf; Rev. Wilbur M. Allison, April 15, 1947 to the present.

The new Educational Building was dedicated on Sunday, April 3, 1960.

THE REFORMED CHURCH

The records of the Reformed Church of Maytown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, begin with the year 1765. They were recorded, we believe, by the Rev. John Conrad Bucher in the year 1774. That record is known as the "Baptismal Protocol of the Reformed Church of May-



The Reformed Church

town," beginning in the year 1765.

The original deed for our present property is dated August first in the 9th year of the reign of George, the Third of Great Britain, 1769, etc. Thus, the Reformed Church of Maytown became the first church structure in Donegal Township, as now constituted, with the exception of Donegal Presbyterian Church.

The first mention of a pastor is dated 1768 when Rev. John Conrad Bucher became pastor of twenty-three churches and preaching places, of which one was Maytown. Rev. Bucher served this church until his death, near Lebanon, August 15, 1780.

The date of the founding of this church was affirmed when the minutes of the Coetus of the Reformed Church in Pennsylvania were discovered in the archives of the Hague in Holland. From these old records we learn that the Maytown Reformed Church was the first Congregation organized in the newly laid out village of Maytown.

Garrett Fiscus and Christian Fox were among the first trustees. And in 1782 Jacob Hoffinan, Abraham Long, John Hollinger, and Ulrich Danner were officers.

In the year 1805, Henry Haines, a member of the State Legislature and a member of the congregation had an act passed to raise, by lottery, a sum of money, not to exceed \$3000, to defray the expenses of a new church, the old building having become completely dilapidated. The act was passed March 25, and approved by the Governor, Thomas McKean December 18, 1805. By this means then the sum of \$2865.25 was raised. Mr. John Graybill, of East Donegal Township, drew the grand prize of \$1000, which he donated to the church.

The main building of the present church, not including the hallway and belfry, is the original building of brick dedicated in 1808. At that time it had but one floor and in the rear a gallery, and in the center of the south wall a wine glass pulpit. On the church spire, a weather vane, depicting Gabriel blowing his trumpet was placed. This was removed when the present tower was erected in 1893. For many years it graced the barn of Dr. G. A. Harter, but was returned to the church and again placed on the tower in 1930.

Rev. Shenkle tells us in his history that although George Hollinger was an excellent organist, the church had no organ. So money was collected, and a committee formed, and a contract entered into with Gottlieb Strahlheim to build our first organ. On the communion case, in the church parlor, can be seen the hand carved wooden torches and eagle which adorned this old organ.

Again from the history of Rev. Shenkle we find "the church had no bell." George Barr, Henry Haines, and George Hollinger were appointed a committee to go to Philadelphia and purchase two bells. On May 16th, 1810 the bells arrived. They ring out each Sabbath in this year

1960 and call the faithful to worship.

In 1859 the church was remodeled, the gallery made into a second floor. In 1893 the old spire was removed and a brick tower and hallway added. With these changes the church building assumed its present appearance. In 1930 the church was redecorated. Rev. James B. Musser was pastor at this time.

Being a small congregation, the Maytown Reformed Church, was made part of a charge or was served by supply pastors from 1850-1890.

For a number of years the church maintained a pastor of its own. Then in 1928 this congregation was united with the Marietta Reformed Church to form the Maytown-Marietta charge of the Evangelical and Reformed church, and now has become, since its union in 1958 with the Congregational church, the United Church of Christ-Evangelical and Reformed.

In 1952, during the pastorate of Dr. V. W. Dippell, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the church was again redecorated, through the generosity of friends and faithfulness of its members. At this same time our organ was rebuilt by the benevolence of the late Mr. George Drabenstadt.

We are indeed proud of the great heritage which has come to us through our church. Here each Sabbath may be found in active membership, many who are direct descendants of those members who founded this church.

Presently serving this church as pastor is the Rev. Charles L. Wentling, Marietta, Pennsylvania.

"All who have contributed their mite, all who have borne the burden, should find encouragement in the success of the past and with God's promise for the future, go forward with renewed zeal and energy."

GLIMPSES OF REICH'S CHURCH THROUGH A CENTURY



Reich's Church

It was under adverse conditions and probably unique circumstances that the building now known as Reich's Church came to be erected, just a century ago. A group of devout persons from Maytown and the surrounding community frequently congregated at a place about one mile west of Maytown, under several large white oak

and hickory trees to hold worship services. These worshippers soon erected a pulpit under the largest tree, then called "the big tree." This tree, the tall, venerable, stately hickory tree, outliving its coeval companions, still stands erect to the southeast of the church building. Here, indeed, were the "groves God's temples" as with deepest homage to their Maker, these early fathers knelt and offered their "solemn thanks."

But Satan is ever on the alert to oppose the work of the church, and soon there arose opposition and repulsion from troublesome youths of the community, who interfered with and often interrupted the services. At times the annoying rowdies used the ministers and the worshippers as targets for their missiles of stones, tomatoes, or even eggs that were no longer palatable. In order to escape the assaults of these hoodlums and to secure a more serene environment for worship, these faithful saints conceived the idea of building a house of worship.

Early in 1856, motivated by an inward urge to provide a safer and more convenient place of meeting, Martin Peck solicited Maytown and the community for funds. By this method the project of building was financed by the thrifty Maytowners and the substantial farmers of the vicinity. The one-story, brick structure, almost as we see it today, was then erected. Appearing above the door on a marker is the inscription: "Union Bethel, Superintended by Martin Peck, September 8, 1856." About six years after this date, Martin Peck sold the church property and moved to Ohio. This transaction took place on March 31, 1862, when Conrad Zeigler purchased the church property from the said Martin Peck.

Following the construction of the church building, worshippers of various faiths conducted services at different times in the meeting house. The first available, accurate record of the Evangelical faith among the Bethel people at the Peck's or Reich's Church names the year 1867-68, when the Rev. J. M. Zern served the class at the Peck's Meeting House along with the Mount Joy Class. Records also indicate that the Rev. A. M. Stirk assisted in the same capacity, and also that during this period the Bethel Class, the Mount Joy Class, and the Milton Grove Class constituted the Millersville Circuit. Although there is no official record, from private and personal records, it seems feasible that the Bethel, or Reich's Class and the Mount Joy Class were served by the same minister, for both groups were members of the Evangelical Association. Throughout the years the building was used on a partial basis with members of other faiths, who were granted permission to worship in the church. Sermons were often delivered in the German language.

The origin of the term Evangelical dates back to 1796, when Jacob Albright, a zealous layman labored among the German speaking brethren in Pennsylvania and Maryland, was influential in organizing the believers into classes. This was



Interior of Reich's Church

the beginning of the Evangelical Association. Their bishop was elected in 1839, and the Association continued to prosper for approximately fifty years, until differences of opinion arose.

Official records show that by later transactions the Peck-Zeigler property changed ownership. On January 4, 1878, Conrad Zeigler sold the church property to Harmon L. Reich. Since Mr. Reich was a member of the Evangelical faith at the time of the transaction, the name of Reich's Evangelical Church originated, although occasionally one may hear the place referred to as "Peck's Meeting House."

In 1884, the Mount Joy Class was made a mission; and the Bethel, or Reich's Class inaugurated with it, continued to be served by the same minister for a number of years. At this time the Bethel, or Reich's Class consisted of the following members: Eli Z. Heisey and wife Annie, and son George R., H. L. Reich (single); Mary Reich (widow), Sallie Reich, Samuel Grove, Eli Williams and wife Susan, and daughter Annie C., Annie M. Hoover, Isaac K. Eshleman and wife, Lydia, Jonas Bertzfield and wife, Annie H., F. F. McCurdy, John Koller and wife Clara, John Ney, Catharine Idle (widow); Sarah Auch (married); Sallie Sellers (single); Benjamin Shoaf, Caroline Naphsker, George Hartz and wife, Barbara. Records show that the address of the last eight names was Bainbridge, Pa. The Rev. D. W. Bickler served as minister of the church from 1884-1885. Other ministers to serve the Bethel, or Reich's Class were the Rev. E. J. Miller 1885-1887; the Rev. A. B. Saylor 1887-1889; the Rev. W. B. Behney 1889-1891; and the Rev. S. D. Erisman 1891-1893.

In the course of time earnest differences of opinion as to the powers of the General Conference of the Episcopacy grew to such importance from 1887 until 1891 that they resulted in divid-

ing the Evangelical Association into so-called "majority" and "minority" divisions. In 1894 the "minority" division organized into the United Evangelical Church. The Mount Joy Mission became identified with the new organization, and since the Bethel, or Reich's Class belonged to the Mount Joy Mission, it also became affiliated with the Evangelical Church.

Throughout the ensuing years the church group was known as the Bethel Class of the Mount Joy

Mission. This class continued to worship in the building with the permission of the owner, Harmon L. Reich, who also rented the church to other denominations for worship services. The following agreement, drawn up and signed by the said Harmon L. Reich and the trustees of the Bethel Class, (now referred to as the United Evangelical Church) on October 29, 1895, remained in force from this date until 1900, when the church was used on a rental basis.

HISTORY OF MAYTOWN CIVIC CLUB

By Mrs. Marguerite Fryberger and Mrs. Anna Haines

Civic interest in Maytown was always very high. Following the Old Home Week in 1910 and the rebuilding of the square, as it now stands, a keen interest was taken in its upkeep and preservation. The families within walking distance carried their drinking water from this well in the square. Whenever necessary, funds were solicited from these users, and no difficulty was encountered in raising sufficient funds for up-keep; and a caretaker, Mr. Roy Markley, was employed. However, those who lived around the square worked together to keep it in good condition. This civic interest was the nucleus for much community activity.

During the years of the First World War Maytown organized an auxiliary to the Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross. At that time Mrs. C. C. Hicks was President and directed the activities of this auxiliary. After twenty-five years of service the Columbia Chapter made special note and honored Mrs. Hicks with the presentation of a twenty-five year service pin. Records in the possession of Mrs. Hicks show the quantities of dressings and garments both made and knitted was far in excess of that produced by many auxiliaries of the same size. The register of the women who worked in the work rooms several days a week both afternoon and evening is evidence of their zealous application to this task. A register prepared by the late Rev. William J. Lowe shows that on March 26, 1918, the auxiliary numbered 568.

The work rooms were in the annex to the late John R. Roath home. The second floor was devoted to the making of dressings under the direction of Mrs. Rozella Hays Neiman. The first floor sewing rooms were directed by Mrs. Henry B. Haines and the knitting was directed by the late Mrs. Albert Risser. The work rooms were heated by an oil stove, and lighted by kerosene lamps. Many times the lights grew dim as the oxygen was depleted.

At the close of the war the citizens prepared a home-coming celebration for the boys. After a parade and suitable addresses a dinner was served in the lodge hall. It was not until 22 years later, Saturday, November 9, 1940, that a flag pole and

plaque containing the roster of the men and women who served in the first World War was erected in the square. By this time the boy scouts, sons of the veterans of World War I, took a prominent part in the ceremony.

The Red Cross Auxiliary remained active and supported every project of the organization under the Columbia Chapter until it was merged with the Lancaster Chapter, at which time the Maytown auxiliary ceased to exist. During these later years Mr. Paul Beshler served as President of the Maytown Auxiliary with great success.

During the depression of the early 1930's, a work-room was maintained for the distribution of clothing and food. Many bolts of material supplied by the government were cut and distributed to needy families.

Again in 1936 a need for a project to provide for the up-keep of the Maytown Square became evident and a Civic Club was organized with B. H. Sheibley, President. An executive committee including many of the town residents decided to have a Sample Fair. This was held December 5. The merchants of the town were instrumental in securing exhibitions, who furnished six-thousand samples to be distributed. The newly organized high school band under the direction of Mr. Willard Newton, music supervisor of East Donegal Township schools, made its first appearance. This was a novel project for the area, and is remembered by many as a most enjoyable occasion. Proceeds amounted to one hundred forty dollars, and was used for the up-keep of the square.

The next project was Maytown Community Night, which was held in the high school on October 1, 1938. The entertainment included a "Tom Thumb Wedding," a fashion show by Hertzlers of Lancaster, and a musical review directed by Mr. Ralph Shireman. The program gave this account of the Civic Club, "The Maytown Civic Club is a progressive organization established by citizens of Maytown and vicinity for the purpose of creating a sense of civic pride in their community. The undertakings of the Club have been marked by a high state of social development and cultural refinement. And the organization takes pride in what



it is doing and hopes to do in the future."

This activity was followed by a series of card parties in the winter, and garden parties held on the school grounds in the summer. One of the most extensive of these lawn fetes was held August 17, 1940. The list of committees, as published at that time, was so extensive it must have included every resident of the town. It featured a dinner served on the lawn, a minstrel show, cards, straw rides, pony rides, a patriotic drill under the direction of Miss Verna F. Peck, and a children's fashion show directed by Mrs. George Waller.

On May 21, 1941, the first of the Maytown boys were selected for service in the United States Army and left Maytown with a sign on the back of their car, "We will be back in a year--or two." The boys were Charles Houseal, Thomas Mayer, Roy Smith, and Walter Zeacher. Events following Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, impressed upon us the fact that their stay in the armed forces would be prolonged.

On July 2, 1941, the Marietta and East Donegal Military Social Service organization was formed to aid selectees who were called into service. All the organizations of Marietta and Maytown were represented under the leadership of Dr. B. Scott Fritz of Marietta. Representatives accompanied the boys to Mount Joy as they reported for duty and presented each of the men with a gift box.

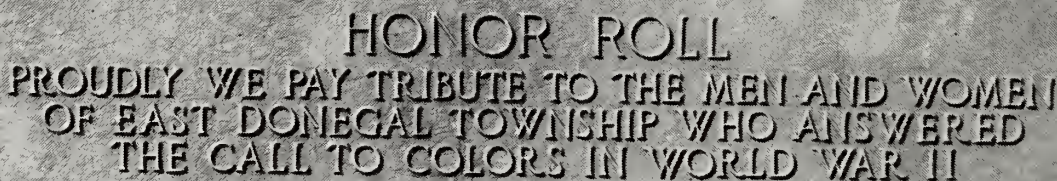
The activity of the Civic Club was confined during the years from 1941 to 1944 to raising

money by means of card parties and smaller functions. The community felt the effects of the war and the absence of all the young men who were serving in the Armed Forces. They were saddened by the death of Chief Warrant Officer Richard P. Lindemuth who died in the sinking of a Japanese prison ship.

After "D" Day, June 6, 1944, hope was stirred that the war would not last too much longer. However, that summer news of the death of three Maytown boys, Sgt. Richard H. Albright, Pvt. Robert Engle and Tech. Sgt. Martin A. Barr, was received.

In anticipation of the return of the boys the Civic Club planned their largest project, an elaborate carnival and lawn fete to be held on August 26, 1944. Gross receipts totaled \$1845.

At that time the purpose was to celebrate the home-coming of our boys. But, as they returned gradually the desire for such a celebration was not evident. It was the decision of the boys, led by the veterans of World War I, that Maytown should have an American Legion Post. An organization was instituted in 1946. This impelled the Civic Club to hold a meeting to discuss the disposition of the money that had been raised primarily to benefit the returned veterans. Action taken resulted in turning over to the American Legion approximately \$2200, the only stipulation being, that from that amount a plaque bearing a roster of the World War II veterans be procured. This was done and the balance applied to the pur-

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chase of materials to build the post home.

So the Civic Club, as an organization, passed out of existence. Since that time their responsi-

bility in keeping the square in order has passed to the Donegal Chapter, American Legion Post 809.

HISTORY OF DONEGAL POST No. 809 AMERICAN LEGION MAYTOWN, PA.

By John H. Drace, Post Commander

In the Fall of 1945 a group of Veterans from both World Wars I and II while gathered together came up with the idea of forming a Veterans Organization in Maytown. They immediately mailed letters to all Veterans of the township asking them to meet in the Maytown Grade School to express themselves on this idea. In this meeting agreement was reached on establishing an American Legion Post to be called Donegal Post. Quick action by this group brought about the approval of a temporary charter in January, 1946. This temporary charter was held open until July 4, 1946, in order that all Veterans joining before that date could become Charter Members of Donegal Post #809. The charter was officially granted by the National Headquarters on the 18th day of July, 1946, and countersigned by Department of Pennsylvania on the 24th day of July 1946. This charter consists of 142 members, known as charter members of Donegal Post #809.

A Post Home or permanent meeting place was one of the first projects of the newly formed Post. A building committee was immediately appointed, with a two-fold purpose in mind; first, to secure a temporary meeting place, and second, to look into the possibility of buying or building a Post Home. Several meetings were held in the Maytown Grade School and then the building committee advised the post that the Maytown Fire Company had offered the use of their building as a temporary meeting place. During the summer of 1946 the building committee tried several times to purchase property for a post home, however, properties deemed desirable by the post could not be purchased, and the ones available were turned down as not suitable by a majority of the member votes. In the fall of 1946 the building committee reported the Hiram Engle property could be purchased by the Post. The Post unanimously approved this purchase, and today the Post home and playground are located on this ground.

In 1946 The East Donegal Civic Council disbanded and turned over their funds to the Legion Post. These funds carried the stipulation that a plaque be erected as a permanent memorial to the men and women who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, with any funds remaining after payment of the memorial to go to the Post Building Fund. This permanent memorial now

stands in front of the entrance to the Legion Home.

The American Legion, through the National Americanism Commission, has ever been a community leader in the establishment and the promotion of observances of patriotic holidays. Donegal Post #809 immediately assumed the responsibility for conducting Memorial Day services and a Memorial Day Parade. The business men of Maytown have always financially supported this patriotic observance.

After two years of hard work on various fund raising activities the Post Building Fund had increased to the extent that a building program was possible. In 1948 the current Post Home was started and completed in 1949. Approximately seventy-five percent of the skilled and unskilled labor required to erect the Post Home was of a volunteer nature from both members of the Post and citizens of the community.

Donegal Post #809 never had a Social Club within its Legion Organization and never solicited social memberships. In addition, the Post never had a license, and currently does not anticipate obtaining a license to sell intoxicating beverages. Donegal Post has turned from this type of social organization and has placed greater emphasis on community service. One of the ten major purposes of the American Legion is "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation." In development of Community Service Programs, Donegal Post found a great field of activity in which to work for a better community.

The following are some of the many community projects developed and/or sponsored by Donegal Post #809 while still in its infancy: Erection of the first street signs for Maytown; Door numbers for houses and business places in Maytown; Maintenance of Center Square (still in effect); Christmas Party for children of the community (still in effect); Decorate Center Square for Christmas holiday (still in effect); Provide a place for the Health Clinic for the Community (still in effect); Sponsor and provide a meeting place for various Scout organizations (still in effect); Provide a place for all charitable organizations to hold parties, suppers, etc. (still in effect) and junior baseball.



Home of American Legion Donegal Post No. 809

Donegal Post #809 Auxiliary has been the right arm of the Post throughout its short history. With construction of the home completed in 1949, the auxiliary immediately assumed the task of outfitting the kitchen with equipment and supplies. Since then, each year, additional furniture and supplies were acquired by the auxiliary to take care of the Post needs. In the years between 1949 and 1957 there were many times when the post was without sufficient funds to meet their current expenses. In these times the auxiliary would come to the rescue and furnish the Post with necessary funds. The Post and Auxiliary on many occasions have joined forces to accomplish many fund raising activities. One joint effort of this type was the construction, operation, and maintenance of a hamburg and hot dog stand during the grain harvest season at Cargill Inc. Grain Storage. This project ran for about six weeks a year and lasted for several years. A considerable amount of money was realized through this project, however, to accomplish this required the donation of considerable time by individuals of both organizations, since the stand was manned twenty four hours a day while in operation.

In 1956 the Post was contacted and agreed to the use of the Post home for Teen-age dances. The only stipulation of the Post was that adult supervision conduct the dances. This was complied with and to date teen-age dances are still held in the Post Home.

In 1957, with liquidation of the Post debt in sight, the post decided to build a pavilion and outdoor barbecue pit to aid in handling their annual

chicken barbecue suppers and for use by the community. At the same time the Post decided the balance of their ground should be developed into a playground for children of the community. An architect was secured by the Post and a complete playground plan obtained. In the spring of 1958 a variety of shade trees were planted by the post in compliance with the architectural plan. At this time, the Post started a Community Playground Project with the hope of raising sufficient funds to complete the playground in time for summer supervised playground activity. Posters were displayed at certain locations in Maytown and hand bills were distributed outlining the program, however, the financial response was not as keen as anticipated. The Legion was responsible for \$1,335 of the total \$1,550 raised. This money was used to sow lawn seed over the entire playground, install swings, sliding boards, etc., for the smaller children and to build a baseball field for use by all. All of this was accomplished in time to enroll in the 1958 summer supervised playground program. The summer program was again held at the community playground in 1959 and all arrangements are made for a bigger and better program in 1960.

In order to complete the community playground project, in accordance with the architect's plan of 1958, the playground still requires the construction of outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, kiddies' wading pool, place for ice skating in winter and roller skating in summer. With regard to community service, completion of this project in the near future is the aim of Donegal Post No. 809.



MAYTOWN FIRE COMPANY

The citizens of Maytown realized, that with the many frame constructions lining the streets of their thriving community, a fire department was necessary.

In March, 1916, the need for that organization materialized, for a fire swept through and destroyed the wagon shop of H. P. Frank, and damaged a portion of the Reformed Church and two large barns. This was the first major fire, so the time for the organization of a fire department had arrived.

The Maytown Volunteer Fire Department held its first meeting in 1916 in the town barber shop. A shed was built at the rear of the town band hall to house the first engine, a hand pumper. This was in service until the first motorized engine, a Model T Ford equipped with two forty-gallon chemical tanks, was purchased in 1919. In 1925 the Ford

truck was replaced by a Reo chemical engine.

In June 1925 the company decided to purchase ground and build a new fire station. This was accomplished and dedication services for the new building were held November 16, 1926.

The need for more modern and efficient fire apparatus arose; consequently, a new Reo truck equipped with a 450 GPM pump was purchased, and the two trucks were in service until 1953, when a larger pumper with a six hundred gallon water tank was purchased.

The company has grown in strength and knowledge over the years with a membership of approximately 150. The company also boasts of a very active Ladies Auxiliary, which numbers well over one hundred members. They are very helpful in fund raising projects.

BLACKSMITHING

For many years prior to the nineteen hundreds and early in the nineteen hundreds, blacksmithing and blacksmith shops were common installations. In the early days blacksmithing consisted of horse-shoeing, making and repairing tools by hand. In some of the shops, the building of huge wagons used in farm work was one of the biggest jobs. Because of many customers and all kinds of odd jobs, along with the regular work, it sometimes

took these men two years to make an iron and steel-clad, hand-forged wagon.

There are very few blacksmiths remaining around the country. However, it is thought that the blacksmith business will never go entirely out of existence.

Very often old-timers of the town came and gathered in the blacksmith's shop and they talked over all problems of the day. There was always

Blacksmith shop of David Shetter (right) who employed Lemon Sload (center) in picture.



room for a little arguing.

The clanging of hammer on anvil brings nostalgic memories to those of middle age or older. Away back when this familiar sound rang out from dawn to dusk in every town, strong men's muscles rippled and sweat rolled down as the blacksmith fashioned repair parts or shoes for horses.

It was a full-time job and to meet the tasks required men of stamina and brawn. Skittish horses always presented a problem or headache to the smithy. It was not unusual to hear of a blacksmith going to a hospital after a kick from a horse.

Of course, the blacksmith was expendable—but not the horse. "Where did that blood on the floor

come from," could have very well been the alarmed remark of the horse's owner. "I hit my finger with the hammer," was a likely reply from the smithy. This, of course, brought a sigh of relief from the animal's owner.

Most living blacksmiths admit that horseshoeing was a rough life.

In the early days, Maytown had three blacksmith shops. We have one living blacksmith in the Maytown area in this year of 1960. He is Cleve Sload, Maytown, who is 76 years old.

The deceased Peter Albright, Clint Longenecher, and Harry Sload, were blacksmiths, in fairly recent times, until their deaths.

TOBACCO FARMING — THEN AND NOW

By G. S. Hoffman

Two hundred years of Maytown cannot be divorced from the surrounding countryside, as metropolitan areas are. The tiny village then as now, was the center of a rich agricultural section, and tobacco gradually became the major and most moneyed crop.

Only in a little over a century, as the cultivation of type 41 had moved northwestward from Virginia, did farmers in the Donegals try out the new product and, as the years passed, increased acreage.

In the beginning the clearing of land, cultivation and harvest of any crop was virtually hand labor. This was especially true of tobacco, and, to a certain degree, remains so today.

In those early years a large family could raise and harvest barely more than three acres. The seed beds were laboriously prepared by horse or mule power, or even hand-spaded. Foot high boards lined the beds, posing difficulty for small fry weeding, since there was no steaming nor commercial product for sterilizing the ground. The vulnerable plants had to be nurtured with great care.

Just as difficult and time-consuming was the

preparation of the field or "patch." Animal fertilizer - cow, steer and horse - was used exclusively, and after being hauled onto the patch in a flat wagon was pulled off onto spaced piles and scattered by dung fork or an even cruder tool. This was then turned under with a rough wooden plow (there is one of this vintage in the Landis Valley Museum), beast-drawn and guided by the hardy farmer whose feet, in those days, always trod the good earth of his land.

Similarly was the patch harrowed with a pronged implement and rolled with a woodlot-hewn tree trunk of proper size and weight. The tobacco rows were then "hoed up" as one would a sweet potato hill. Older children took over at that point and, with a crude wooden tool like an inverted Y and used like a protractor, spaced and marked the distances for planting. Then they waited for rain for the setting out of the plants.

This was an all family job. Plants were pulled and put into baskets; children used sticks, some made from old broom handles, to poke holes in the prepared rows. Plants were dropped opposite each

hole; another child placed a plant in the hole, and, if there had not been adequate rain, water from a bucket wet the roots in. Then the ground was firmed around the plant.

Cultivation was mostly a hand job, with heavy hoes and strong backs. Worming was the children's job. (Sometimes outsiders, hired to help, were paid a penny a worm!) The plants were topped first and suckers were snapped out several times.

Harvest, as of today, was hand labor, but with a difference - just more hand labor! The cutting was done with either hatchets or saws. The time of today's tobacco ladders had not yet come. The plants were not speared onto lathe, but were laid, stalk by stalk, onto flat wagons and slowly pulled into the barn area.

The stalks, one by one, were hauled up or passed up ladders in the barn to the topmost rafters, pur-lines and squares, and there each nailed until they reached the level of the forebay, for curing. (There were no tobacco sheds as we know them in those days. Approximately, according to N. R. Hoffman, of Bainbridge, the first few were built in the latter part of the past century.)

The stripping and sizing, as usual, was a family chore, unquestionably under trying conditions of cold, inconvenience and disadvantage in barns or out-sheds. Unlike today, tobacco was strictly graded. There were as many as six or seven grades: length, quality and color. Leaves were tied in "hanks" ("hands" as of recently); bundled and stored in the barn until a buyer showed up.

The bales often stayed there some time as there was no competitive market in that day. There was the packer who went into the field, bought with private capital, packed in wooden cases and resold later. (Benjamin Hoffman, my grandfather, was the first packer in the district.) However, much of this tobacco, raised in the Donegals, was in those days packed by the local farmers on a comparatively small scale and sold piece-meal to a dozen or more cigar factories right in their own back yard. The cigars made in Maytown were pure type #1, no blending. These cigars, one Maytown resident said, took a strong man with a strong stomach to smoke and survive!

Times changed with the many years, not alone in the cultivation and rise in acreage, but also in the marketing. There came a greater business in independent packing throughout Lancaster County when a great amount of money went into buying crops, packing and reselling to manufacturers all over the world. Today that middle man is out of business. The manufacturers have the capital to buy directly from the farmer, resulting in a highly competitive market.

We have now the modern method of agriculture. Nonetheless, the cultivation and harvesting of tobacco must take a back seat to that of many other crops: mechanization in planting grains and

harvesting by combine and corn-picker, including electrically-powered unloaders. There is, up to the present writing, still more hand labor to tobacco raising than any other product, excepting tomatoes.

Today tobacco beds are sterilized by chemicals or by a still old-fashioned method of steaming, neither of which as yet has proved completely effective. Not too long ago on one farm, grass grew heavily in steamed beds among the tiny plants, threatening to choke them completely. Weeding was impossible and, in desperation, the farmer took his hand lawn mower and ran it across the beds while an observer remarked: "Now I've seen everything!" Thus given room to breathe, the plants survived and grew ahead of the grass. Muslin is used now, and many chemicals have been developed to control the pests that increasingly attack the beds.

The plowman no longer plods his fields. Preparation now is completely mechanized, and fertilizer is not exclusively animal. However, the plants still must be pulled from handweeded beds, put into boxes which are conveyed by water truck to the—say 20 acre patch?—where the two row semi-automatic planter receives the seedlings and the needed water with the cut worm retarder and, under skilled guidance, plants in one operation. Two or three acres can be planted in one day - given enough hand labor to pull plants and operate the planter! This continues until the whole patch is planted, with re-planting following rainy spells by bucket and trowel, just as theretofore.

Here similarity stops for a "spell". Cultivation is mechanical; suckers are sprayed to kill them; worms die from ground spray or ariel spray or dust. This is time and labor-saving in a major way. BUT, there is still hand hoeing between plants, and topping, hand-done. Cutting and spearing onto lathe are back breaking manual labor, as too the loading onto the tobacco wagons, tractor-drawn on rubber tires.

Men's hands must raise the thousands of lathe into the tiers of especially built sheds, to be taken down later, lathe by lathe, to the damp room and hence, to the adjoining stripping room. Only within the past year or so has the stripping become less of an arduous and monotonous task. Sizing for length in especially built boxes has gone out for the most part, as color sizing did long ago. And tying hanks or hands has passed also. Two grades only are placed, loose, in the presses and baled. And the market sometimes opens early, like last year, before the crop was even in from the field.

In this coming season, a revolution in mechanization is due to take place to further eliminate hand labor: a machine is being perfected to cut and spear tobacco in one operation!

So times have changed in many ways since Maytown came into being. Tobacco still grows abundantly and profitably around the village. But its handling is not quite the same as in the old days.



Steamer ready to prepare beds.



Pans steaming seed beds.



Placing canvas.



Pulling plants from seed beds.



Prime tobacco ready for cutting.

CIGAR INDUSTRY

Trucks laden with bales of tobacco, headed for distant parts, now rumble through Maytown.

Time was when a team and wagon hauled bales no further than the confines of the village itself. for Maytown was not a so little center for the manufacturing of cigars. Nothing comparable to the huge factories today, but in the not too distant past 12 to 15 "factories" were in business.

A few hired sixteen or eighteen men and women, some coming from Marietta and Columbia. But for the most part, they were one man, or two or three men factories, operated in small sheds or spare rooms of homes. The larger ones were established in warehouses, several of which still are standing and in use for other purposes.

Fifty or more years ago saw much of this industry which continued so for several decades, during which all cigars were rolled by hand of pure Pennsylvania type 41, local in origin. Cigars were sold to jobbers. But thousands went directly to the many taverns which lined the river front during the brash era of rafting, and commerce on the Pennsylvania canal. . . . Time, change and machine work in volume closed these factories.

Among the names identified with this Maytown industry are: H. B. Haines, C. G. Longenecker, George Glattacker, Lou Hartman, Al Risser, Howard "Tim" Shireman, George Houseal, John K. Roath, Charles Hipple, Harry Klugh and my father, M. R. Hoffman.



Spearing and piling tobacco in "patch".



Judy Schadt Graham, granddaughter of M. R. Hoffman, driving tractor, pulling in tobacco wagons.



Wagon load of tobacco ready for hanging.

The late Hon. M. R. Hoffman standing in midst of tobacco "patch".



Modern tobacco shed.



Aerial Views of Maytown taken by Adam Greer





BANK

On May 11, 1909 a citizens meeting was held at the home of George S. Rhoads Sr. for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a banking institution in the town of Maytown. This proved to be the beginning of an institution that has served Maytown and vicin-

ity since that time. During the organizational period the Bainbridge National Bank was used as temporary depository for all the money received. Stock was sold for \$105.00 per share with par value of \$100.00 and capitalization set at \$25,000.00.

The building first used for the bank was known as the Ernst property. (This building just east of the square is now part of the Maytown Hardware Store). Electric lights, telephone and a secondhand hot-air furnace were installed in the building. A burglar proof and fire proof safe was purchased at a cost of \$1,225.00. Adequate furniture was purchased, and the bank opened its doors on July 1, 1909.

The first board of directors consisted of nine men. They were George S. Rhoads Sr., Henry H. Engle, John A. Dehoff, David A. Hollenbaugh, John H. Shank, Hiram H. Engle, Edwin Fitzkee, Phares E. Wolgemuth, and Abram Martin. Charles D. Zell, served as the first cashier. His salary was set at \$50.00 per month. Mr. Zell was largely responsible for the organization and early beginning of the bank. Banking hours were from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. for the express purpose of granting additional accommodations for the outlying districts.

In July of 1910, steps were taken to erect a permanent bank building. Accordingly a lot was purchased from the Curran property on which the present bank is located. The corner stone showing the 1910 date may be seen on the bank building. One half of the new building served as the bank and the other half as a home for the cashier. Mr. Zell served as cashier and lived in the bank house until the year 1916, at which



time he accepted a position with the Lancaster Trust Company.

John H. Hoffman replaced Mr. Zell as cashier and served in this capacity for 39 years. John S. Hiestand, now cashier of the First National Bank of Marietta served as teller and bookkeeper for 21 years. During the depression of the 30's the Maytown Bank stood firm when many of their neighbors were failing. The sound and conservative banking practices proved the means of saving a banking institution for Maytown.

Through the years immediately following World War II the banking business has grown considerably. New technique and automatic equipment have replaced many hand operations. Characteristic of this same period many banks were merging and uniting to give better service. Branch banking was becoming more and more popular. In 1955 the Maytown National Bank was sold to the Union National Mount Joy Bank.

Since the purchase by the Union National Mount Joy Bank the banking building has been completely remodeled. New low counters have replaced the high bar cage. A new glass front was added and the main door moved to the left for changing the lobby area. A night depository has been added to serve after hour customers. Posting of checking accounts are done with electronic equipment at the main office in Mount Joy. A direct phone connects the Maytown office with the main office. J. H. Hoffman Jr. has served as branch manager and assistant cashier since 1955.

Time has made changes in personnel, in building construction, in equipment, and in ownership, but the same sound practices that have characterized the Maytown bank for 51 years still exist. On this Bi-Centennial year the bank's pledge is to continue to provide efficient, modern, and complete banking services for all.

HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOLS

East Donegal Township marches on! If our great grandparents, who in 1812 so nobly contributed money to build the first little stone school house in East Donegal Township, were living today, they would surely believe that the story of the acorn is true.

It is known that as early as 1772 a log schoolhouse stood near the old Donegal Presbyterian Church, which had been erected in 1722, half a century before. In this log edifice a parochial or church school was kept. This schoolhouse was constructed of hewn oak; the roof, the floor, and the furniture also consisted of that material. A night school was held once a week for those who were not able to attend the day school. This school was supported by subscriptions. The county court appointed trustees to visit the school once in six months. The school was discontinued when the public free schools came into existence.

One of the earlier township schools stood on the edge of the Maytown Square. It was a small one-room long cabin.

Twenty-two years after the first school was erected the need for more buildings was realized. In 1834, after the Free School Act was passed, eleven schools were built or purchased in the township. Some of them were open for a term of three months, others for a term of four months each year.

By 1838 Maytown alone had three schools, the original "Stone House," the "Brick House" and the "Female House."

One source says the Maytown High School was founded in 1889 as a County High School allowing pupils to come from West Donegal, Mount Joy and Rapho Townships. The principal was J. D. Tuckey from Churchtown, Chester County and the assistant principal was Miss Ella Weaver of Marietta Borough. Samuel S. Kraybill, Secretary of the

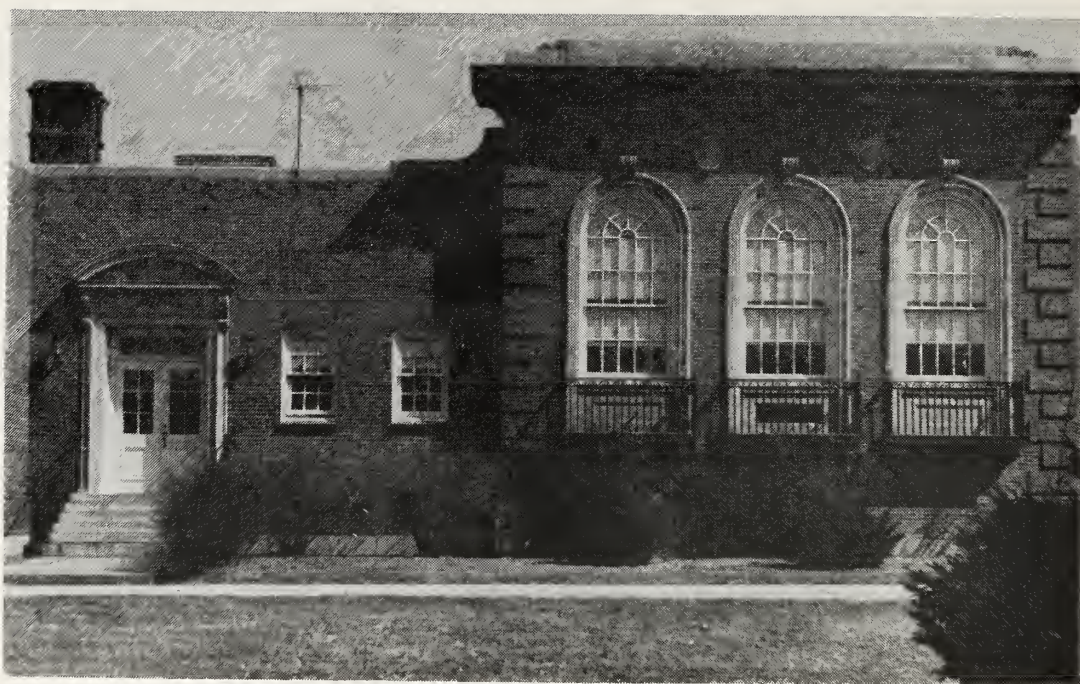
East Donegal School Board, must be given credit for this movement.

The old High School covered the upper floor of the southern end of the old original building. The enrollment was 84. The library had 24 books. The names of the members of the senior class were as follows: Miss Marinda Peck, Harry Lenhart, Abram Longenecher, Harvey Brandt, and Harry Nissley, of Mount Joy Borough. Mr. Nissley, the only recent survivor died in March of 1960.

Another record states a three year high school was organized in 1893 and the first class was grad-



This school is now the remodeled primary building in Maytown.



Former East Donegal High School—now the Maytown Elementary School

uated in 1896. Eight persons were graduated in this class, and Mr. N. W. Metzger was the principal at that time.

In 1903, the school was changed from a three year curriculum to a four year curriculum and the class of 1906 was the first to be graduated under these new regulations. That year there were only four graduates and Mr. A. E. Kraybill was the principal.

By the year 1910, the graduating class had increased to eighteen and Mr. J. S. Simons was the principal. In 1920, the number of students seemed to decrease and there were only seven graduates, one less than in the first graduating class. At that time Miss Emily Longenecher was principal.

As the years passed, more and more people began attending school. The school now known as the Maytown Elementary School was then being erected for a high school. It was occupied in 1926. Mr. H. E. Raffensperger was the principal.

By 1936, this building became too small and a new addition was ready for use and the dedication service was held Thursday evening, April 29, 1937. Dr. J. W. Bingeman was the principal.

Whereas the earliest school probably had only one teacher, this new school had approximately twenty, thus showing the great increase in the number of people attending public schools.

The high school student of 1896, of 1906, and even of 1936, was given little opportunity to select studies which he believed would be of specific value to him personally, but due to the increasing demand for skilled workers and the increasing facilities in educating pupils, it seemed wise to introduce a new course of study. Thus the student of 1937, in East Donegal Junior-Senior High

School was given the choice of four courses: the Academic, the Commercial, the General, and the Agricultural.

For example, a person interested in secretarial work, no longer needed to study advanced science, foreign languages, or some other subject which did not seem applicable to his chosen field.

For the first time in the history of this township a student was given the opportunity to select the course which would best prepare him for his life work.

In the six years from 1916 to 1921, there were 52 students graduated from high school, approximately as many as are graduated now in one year.

The present primary building in Maytown was once a one room school and rooms were added one by one and then a second floor was built.

At the present time, 1960, construction of a new cafeteria building, which will be completed by September will tie the two elementary buildings in Maytown together making them in effect, one. The school will house 550 students in 18 classrooms and will include a gymnasium, health room and several smaller rooms for specialized purposes.

THE HISTORY OF THE DONEGAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Donegal Jointure was first proposed at a meeting of representatives of the school districts of East Donegal Township, Marietta Borough, and Mount Joy Borough on February 13, 1950, at the Marietta High School. At that time the formation of a joint senior high school was discussed, but a month later the three boards met at Mount Joy and decided to form a jointure of Grades 7-12. Since that time the boards have

held monthly meetings, alternating at the various schools.

On January 9, 1951, the group elected Mr. Paul Portner of Marietta as its first president. It also selected the Buchart Engineering Corporation of York to proceed with plans for the proposed building and designated the third Thursday of every month as the meeting night of the Joint School Board.

The first regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Donegal Joint School Board was held at the Mount Joy High School on Thursday evening, February 15, 1951, one year after the inception of the idea. At that time Mr. William B. Arnold, Lancaster, was selected as solicitor for the group. Also, the land owned by Henry E. Brubaker and Elmer Shearer opposite the former location of the old Union Schoolhouse was recommended as the best site for the school because of its commanding position, its good drainage, and its central location in the three school districts.

On April 19, 1951, the jointure was approved by the State Department of Education, and on June 13 of that year the Donegal Authority was granted its charter. On August 6, 1951, the Brubaker-Shearer land was named the official site for the school.

"Donegal High School" became the official name of the school on November 19, 1951. The name, "Donegal Joint High School," is used for identification purposes only.

At this time the boards were beset with a number of construction difficulties. There was even a

question of whether to proceed with the project at all because of the possibility of the location of an airport in the area, the increasing cost of construction, and the hardship of securing the necessary steel. Because of the tightening of the steel supply during the Korean conflict, laminated wood girders were approved as a substitute for steel girders in the proposed building, and the project was continued.

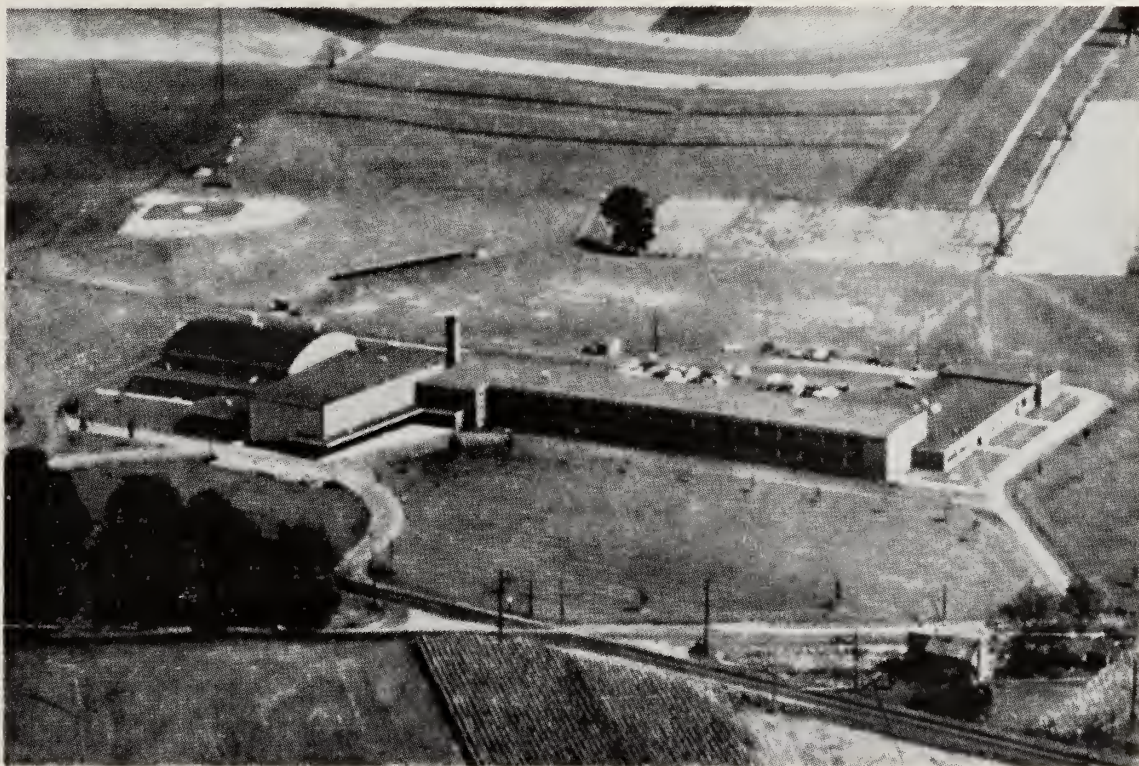
Bids for the construction were opened at seven o'clock, August 4, 1952, a bond issue of \$1,575,000 was authorized, and the bond sale opened on October 1. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new school took place on October 6, 1952.

In that same month representatives of the Mount Joy Township Board expressed their desire to become a part of the jointure, and on May 1, 1953, Mount Joy Township was officially admitted to the group.

On August 20, 1953, the Joint Board elected John H. Hoffman, Jr., Maytown, as treasurer and designated the Maytown National Bank as depository for the school funds. At the same time Mr. A. I. Bealm was appointed high school principal.

Green and white were adopted as the official school colors on November 19, 1953. In May, 1954, seven courses were recommended for the curriculum.

On July 15, 1954, the Donegal Joint School Board met for the first time in the Donegal High School. At that time several board members volunteered to underwrite the financing necessary for the purchase of an organ for the school until



Donegal High School

amortized by students and patrons.

The contractor officially turned the school over to the Authority on August 11, 1954. The doors were opened to students on September 8, and at Open House on September 13, 14, and 15, thousands of patrons had an opportunity to tour and inspect one of Pennsylvania's most modern and beautiful schools.

The school districts of East Donegal Township, Marietta Borough and Mount Joy Borough formed a jointure of grades 7-12 in 1951. This Joint Board planned for Donegal High School to replace the East Donegal Township High School, Marietta High School and Mount Joy High School. About the time construction was to start, the southeastern part of Mount Joy Township was admitted to the jointure. The enrollment of Donegal High School was at capacity when it opened in 1954.

In order to relieve these crowded conditions, a study was made to decide whether to build an addition to Donegal High School or to plan a separate junior high school. This study showed that it would be both financially and educationally advantageous to plan a separate junior high school, using the former Mount Joy High School building, now being used as an elementary school.

Along with this study, the needs of elementary housing was studied. This phase of the study showed the need of an elementary building to replace the buildings at Milton Grove and Florin North and to provide facilities for the new housing development in the Northwest section of Mount Joy Borough. It also showed the need for more adequate cafeteria facilities at Maytown.

Accordingly, in 1956, when the jointure was extended to include K-12, the Board filed several building projects for approval with the Department of Public Instruction. These plans called for:

1. A new elementary building in Florin.
2. A new elementary building in Mount Joy to allow the use of the present building as a junior high school.
3. Additions and renovation of the Mount Joy building (elementary) for use as junior high school to be known as Donegal High School Annex.
4. A new cafeteria building in Maytown
5. Remodeling of Donegal High School cafeteria to provide two serving lines instead of one as at present.
6. Remodeling at Marietta building to provide for cafeteria.
7. Addition to Washington Elementary building.
8. Approval of renovation of Maytown Primary for reimbursement.

The Department of Public Instruction approved all of these projects except the addition to the Washington School.

Presently under construction and scheduled for completion by September 1960 are the Maytown Cafeteria, Seiler Elementary (Mount Joy) and Grand View Elementary (Florin).

Bids were opened for the High School Annex on April 14—this building will be completed by September 1961.

Bids were opened on April 21 for the remodeling of the present high school cafeteria and renovations in the Marietta building to conform to Department of Labor and Industry regulations concerning exits. These projects are to be completed by September 1960.

The remodeling at Marietta for a cafeteria is now under study and if construction is undertaken, it will be completed in time for the opening of school September 1961.

Future plans call for a second Junior High School in the Maytown-Marietta area when the high school and the annex become overcrowded.

ALUMNI

By Grace Henderson

The First Annual Meeting of the Central High School Alumni Association, Maytown was held March 28, 1900, in the Maytown Band Hall. A program was rendered. Following the program the banquet was served at the home of Mr. Eli Hoffman. After the banquet the members returned to the Band Hall for a social hour. Mr. John Epler was the first president.

They met February 4, 1901 to elect new officers and plan for the Second Annual Alumni Banquet. It was also held in Band Hall and the banquet was served at the Washington House March 27, 1901.

The banquets were held annually in the Band Hall until May 28, 1926, when it was held in the high school auditorium.

Previously the banquets were held in the Band Hall, Washington House, Swiler's Store Room and the Lodge Room.

At the March 28, 1905 meeting a citizen of Maytown offered to contribute \$2500 to the Association toward a Banquet Hall providing the Association raised \$2500 also. A committee was appointed to plan for this, but it never materialized.

At a special meeting of the Alumni Society on June 27, 1908 it was decided to hold a picnic every summer. Picnics continued to be held until 1929. The date was the third Saturday in August. Many were held at Accomac, Wild Cat Falls, Donegal Springs, and Mt. Gretna. The majority were held at Accomac.

The first commencement was held in 1896. At the nineteenth annual meeting on May 4, 1918, upon the suggestion of Dr. Harter, who was an honorary member, a committee was appointed to compile the names of all persons who finished

high school between 1889-1896. These persons were to become active members of the Alumni Association.

Maytown High School Alumni Song
Tune "Old B. V."

Dear Alma Mater, here tonight
We've come to honor you,
And greet old friends in fond delight
With spirits brave and true.
No matter where, or how far away
We gather home once more
When comes around this happy day
We're schoolmates, as of yore.

Chorus

Maytown, Maytown, loyal hosts are we
Maytown, Maytown, on to victory
You're the heart of Donegal.
We're your children, one and all.
Honor and fame, for Maytown's old High
School
Maytown, Maytown, country girls and boys
Maytown, Maytown, equal right enjoys
Hear it echo on the air
Winds relay it everywhere
Everything's right in Maytown's Old High
School. (Mrs. Marinda Shillow)

TRIXTIME THEATRE

Mrs. C. C. Hicks

In July, 1937, Jean Huntzinger, Ann Shewman, and Henry Haines organized a theater group in Huntzinger's Garage. They presented a musical program with the help of Herman Shue. This performance proved quite successful, and other children became interested and joined this organization.

The theater, at first, was a small space on the lawn of C. C. Hicks. Two borrowed sheets served as curtains. Eventually the children, with the help of Mrs. C. C. Hicks, Mrs. J. G. Hollenbaugh, and other interested adults, were permitted to use the

East Donegal High School auditorium.

Throughout the seven years this group was in existence, a variety of plays was presented. Among these were: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Three Little Pigs*, *Virtue Triumphant*, *The Lighthouse Keeper*, *The Sacred Cat*, *The Perfect Tribute*, *The Little Match Girl*, *Too Many Cooks*, *The Chimes Rang*, and *A Perfect Day*.

All financial receipts were turned over to the Columbia Hospital for use in the children's ward.

The performance in the summer of 1943 was the last to be presented by this little theater group.



Henry Haines, Peggy Hicks, Jack Peck, Anna Wetzel, Robert Huntzinger, Jack Frank, Catherine Engle, Edward Haines, Herman Shue, Donald Hower, Jean Huntzinger, Robert Boltz, Dorothy Ney, Louise Hicks

GIRL RESERVES



Group of Girl Reserves enroute to Shady Lawn Camp. Bus driver is Chris. Beshler

One of the most interesting projects in the community of Maytown during the "roaring twenties" was the organization of the Girl Reserves, a junior branch of the Y. W. C. A.

This club was organized by Miss Marie Harter and Miss Helen Harter, daughters of Dr. George Alvin Harter, our town physician.

The charter members of this club were:

Anna May Ney	Sara Hershey Roberts
Mary Keiser Nolt	Clara Warner Wingert
Caroline Keiser Coup	Nellie Reynolds
Anna Fletcher Houseal	Eleanor Barnhart Eater
Lillian Sload	Alma Sload Brenneman
Jean Sload Gary	Minerva Arnold Houseal
Kathryn Eshelman Wilson	Esther Nolt Wood
Ruth Engle Baker	Margaret Keener
Mabel Strawsbaugh Johnstin	Dora Sweitzer Rorabaugh
Viola Strawsbaugh Nicholson	Dorothy Ney Singer

Their uniform consisted of a white "middy", a white skirt, and a triangular blue scarf with the initials G. R.

The Club projects consisted of participation in all community activities, handicrafts, home talent plays, bazaars, and the purchasing of silverware for the Y. W. C. A. House at Kepler Lodge.

Two honorable mention projects were the making of fifty scrapbooks for the Home of Aged Women at Atlantic City, and the collection and stringing of beads for Christmas presents for the Girls' Home at Laurelton.

One unique activity was the annual May Polka Dance given each Decoration Day in the square of Maytown.

Of most interest to the girls were their camping trips. All expense money had to be earned by the members.

In 1923 they camped at Dix's Dam, Shady Lawn Cottage, Gettysburg, Pa. The counsellors were Marie and Helen Harter.

In 1924 they again returned to "Shady Lawn" and were counselled by Mrs. Helen Harter Hostetter, Miss Marie Harter and Miss Josephine Beshler. Transportation was especially exciting as this year we went in the Lucas Manufacturing Company bus with Chris. Beshler driving. This was the first bus trip taken by the club.

In 1925 it was decided that since Kepler Lodge was completed the annual camping trip would be spent there. What a delightful week it was for all girls and counsellors!

While at camp the activities were swimming, hiking, and nature study, as well as learning the art of camping.

During the summer of 1926 it was decided to spend the camp period at Mt. Gretna. This was a delightful change. Also two new members were added—Ruth Beshler Newcomer and Beatrice Garber Blank.

By 1927 the membership of the Club decreased due to "Dan Cupid," graduation, college enrollment and the "Work-a-day" world. This year eight members drove in Miss Harter's "Packard" to Coburn, Center County for their vacation.

During 1928 it was decided to discontinue the club as most of the members were too "grown-up" and occupied with other interests to continue the work.

During the five year period of the "Girl Reserves" the entire community took a keen interest in these young people and all felt it was a fine contribution to our "way of life" in Maytown.

Signed

Girl Reserve Committee
Marie Harter, chairman
Anna Houseal
Helen Harter Hostetter
Josephine Beshler

BOY SCOUTS

The first Boy Scout Troop was organized in Maytown around 1940. Stuart Schule was the leader.

In 1942 James Strickland became Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. A Florin Troop organized our troop. This year we received the Acorn Award.

Then 1943-1944 Dr. William Duncan was Scoutmaster and John G. Hart was Assistant Scoutmaster.

The Boy Scout Troop #53 was reorganized in Maytown in 1951, sponsored by the American Legion Post 809, by Scout Commissioner Elwood K. Gerber. Rev. William Wagner, Pastor of the Maytown Church of God, was appointed the Scout Master. He gave much of his time to the boys, instructing them on scouting, hiking and camping. They held their summer camp at Cowens Gap on the South Mountains near Chambersburg. In 1953 Rev. Wagner's church duties compelled him to resign as Scout Master. Mr. Gerber had resigned as Scout Commissioner several months before this, so he was asked by the chairman, Vernon Mayers, to serve as Scout Master. The troop committee consisted of Vernon Mayers, Chairman; Samuel Johns, Treasurer; Ray Kendig, Floyd Shuman, Kenneth Mowrer, Raye Frye, Marvin Folts, Mer-

vin Brandt, Kenneth Theobald, Kimber Lippiatt Sr., and Samuel Williams Sr. The scouts participated in many different hikes, weekend camps and overnight camps. During weekend camps one of the local pastors would come to camp and hold morning worship services. They also built game shelters and filled them regularly to feed the birds and wild animals. Mr. Gerber initially had twelve scouts, and in a short time there were more than thirty-two scouts registered. The troop consisted of, Scoutmaster, Elwood K. Gerber; Explorer Scout Advisor, John Boyer; Assistant Scout Masters, Ray Smith and Clifford Morrison; Junior Assistant Scout Masters, Charles Gerber and Ronald Singer; Senior Patrol Leaders, Charles Johns, Eugene Sload; Patrol Leaders, Raye Frye, Daniel Mowrer, Kenneth Mowrer, Samuel Williams; Assistant Patrol Leaders, Fred Theobald, Kimber Lippiatt Jr., John Martin, Don Miller; Buglers, Larry Henderson and Barry Brandt; Troop Quartermaster, Ronald Johns; and the following scouts, Bruce Smith, Don Welcomer, Clyde Brandt, Ralph Williams, James Houseal, Stanley Kemakowski, William Wilkinson, Barry McKain, Donald Houseal, Martin Frye, Gary Gillam, George Glattacker, Michael Judge, Ronald May-



crs, Joseph Brenner, James Gieg, Larry Johns, Herbert Sload, James Elliott, John Enroughty, Jed Dreguif, David Greer, Scott Trostle, Jay Flowers, Dennis McKain, Lester Ricedorf, David Barclay, Dennis Fuhrman, Paul Shope, Keith Matheny, Michael Houseal, Walter Mowrer, Joe Frye, Robert Shirk and Barry Arnold.

The troops of three towns with John Hess, Scout master of Florin troop; Harold Etsell, Scout master of Mt. Joy troop; and Mr. Gerber of Maytown mobilized. Two scouts were secretly hidden in a woods, between the three towns. The remaining scouts were then sent to see which troop located the boys first. Senior Patrol Leader, Charles Johns and Bugler, Larry Henderson of Troop 53, Maytown located the first one and gave first aid for shock and cuts. The second boy was found by Troop 39, Mt. Joy. He was treated for a broken arm and a skull fracture. Then the scouts had to know the best and quickest way to get him to a doctor. In one and one half hours every scout was back at his respective headquarters.

The boys participated in many parades in Maytown, Marietta, and Mt. Joy. In one of the Mt. Joy Halloween parades they won first prize. They went on many splash parties, with John Boyer teaching life saving. The boys all had uniforms and all necessary camp equipment which was obtained with the money they received from paper drives and food sales. They attended all camp programs held by The Lancaster County Council.

Scout Meeting Program

A scout meeting is opened with the salute to the flag, repeating the Scout oath, which is: "On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and My Country and to obey the Scout laws. To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." Repeating the Scout Laws, which are: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Next is the Bible reading, repeating of the Lord's Prayer and singing of songs. After this the scouts are instructed in signaling, first aid, and knife and axe. The scouts play many games which teach them to be helpful and alert. The scout benediction closes the meeting.

The troop went camping at Cowens Gap in the South Mountains, with a troop from Chambersburg. Mr. Benjamin Boltz gave one of his busses to transport the scouts and equipment. Rev. Wagner was the driver of the bus. He spent his vacation at camp with the boys teaching the Bible. They left Maytown square at 3:45 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 1953 and arrived at Cowens Gap at 7:30. Twenty-seven scouts attended. Rev. Wagner's father was scout master of the troop from Chambersburg, and he was cook for both troops. Every day eight different scouts had to help with the cooking and cleaning up after meals. Mr.

Gerber was Camp Director. Camp routine is as follows:

6:30—Bugler, Barry Brandt gives first call.

7:00—Reveille, call to colors, with raising and saluting the flag.

7:30—Mess Call. Breakfast usually consists of bacon and eggs, milk or cocoa, cereal, bread and butter. After breakfast the scouts clean the camp grounds, and fix the beds and tents. Eugene Sload is in charge of this.

9:00—Call to quarters. This is a meeting of all Patrol Leaders, Junior Assistant Scout Master and Scout Masters. They are given instructions for the day. After this the leaders teach the rest of the scouts signaling, wood craft, life saving, and fire building. They pass many tests and many scouts are advanced. Then the Junior Assistant Scout Masters take them on nature hikes.

11:45—Mess Call, after which they rest one hour.

1:30—Assembly and camp inspection.

3:00—One hour of Bible study by Rev. Wagner.

4:00—Swimming.

5:30—Mess Call.

6:30—The boys have liberty when they go fishing, boating, or swimming until time for camp fire. At campfire each patrol presents a skit or some kind of entertainment. Camp songs and jokes.

10:00—Camp fire is put out and taps. All scouts retire to their quarters.

At the end of the two weeks in camp awards were given on the basis of highest daily inspection points and a vote by troop leaders. Lester Ricedorf won an award for best all around scout in camp and a scout from the Chambersburg troop was second.

In 1955 the troop conducted memorial services in the Silver Springs Cemetery at the grave of the late Kenneth Mowrer, who was fatally injured while operating a tractor in his father's field.

The troop visited the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1957. Many scout troops were there from all over the world. Samuel Williams, Kimber Lippiatt, and Donald Houseal spent the week there camping with other Lancaster County troops.

During this year Mr. Ray Smith and Clifford Morrison were appointed assistant Scout Masters. They went to all camps and weekend camping trips at Camp Chiquitan and also the summer camps.

Some of the annual events which the troop participates in is the recognition of Boy Scout Anniversary by attending a different church each year and having various special activities within that week. Another is the Boy Scout Banquet where they receive their advancement awards and charter for the new year.

Mr. Gerber resigned in 1958 and Mr. Stanley Slavey was appointed Scout Master.

GIRL SCOUTS AND BROWNIES

At the present time Maytown has active groups of Senior Girl Scouts, Intermediate Scouts and Brownies. These groups use the Fire House and Legion Home for their meetings.



Etching of how the square looked before a regular square was built.



The Square—pictures taken from four different angles.



The late Henry B. Haines carrying the last bucket of water from the pump.

History Of East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Maytown, Pennsylvania

The need for a water supply system for Maytown was recognized by many citizens for a number of years.

In March of 1946, a public meeting of all interested citizens was held in the Maytown Fire House. Ten men were named by the citizens to gather information pertaining to installing a water system. This committee consisted of John Hoffman, Sr., Mervin Arnold, Howard Strausbaugh, Robert Houseal, Enos Miller, Carl Shenk, John Hiestand, Christian Forry, Charles Hicks, and Paul Beshler. This committee contacted the Marietta Gravity Water Company for a water supply and was unsuccessful.

It was then decided to look for another source of supply. After visiting a number of springs in the area, the Gladfelter Spring, about one mile north of Maytown, was deemed the best source of supply.



Left to right: Carl Shenk, Enos Miller, Rev. John Hiestand, Paul Beshler, Mervin Arnold.



Residents of the town were visited to determine if they would connect to a water supply system, if one were available. One hundred and twenty-five property owners gave their approval, along with the public schools and business establishments.

With this guarantee the committee decided to petition the East Donegal Township supervisors to form an authority to install a water system for the town. The supervisors petitioned for the authority, and the authority was authorized July 22, 1947.

On September 2, 1947, the following persons were authorized to the authority:

John Hiestand, Chairman; Enos E. Miller, Vice Chairman; Paul R. Beshler, Secretary; G. Carl Shenk, Treasurer; and Mervin S. Arnold.

The authority now began planning for the construction of a water supply system. Paul A. Mueller, Esq. was elected solicitor, and Capitol Engineering Corporation was employed as the engineers. The supply spring was purchased from Irvin Gladfelter, and the right-of-way to the spring from Abram Martin. The fiscal agents were Butcher &

Sherrerd, and the trustee named was First National Bank and Trust Company of Elizabethtown.

Advertising for bids for the construction of the system were let on March 7, 1949. The successful low bidder was M. Simon Zook. The successful low bidder for the storage tank was Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.

Actual construction began April 1, 1949. (The cost was estimated at \$110,000.)

The system was completed, and service to the town began October 6, 1949.

During the year 1950, 421,000 gallons of water were pumped. At present, over 4,300,000 gallons are being pumped each year.

Many extensions to lines and other improvements have been made over the years.

There are, at present, 212 domestic consumers, as well as businesses, farms and public schools.

The present authority members are:

John S. Hiestand, Chairman; Mervin S. Arnold, Vice Chairman; G. Carl Shenk, Treasurer; Robert Shank, Assistant Treasurer; Paul R. Beshler, Secretary.

INDUSTRIES

HISTORY OF WYETH LABORATORIES Inc. MARIETTA, PENNSYLVANIA

In 1882 Dr. H. M. Alexander, practicing physician in Marietta, became interested in the work that had been done in Europe by Jenner and others in the field of smallpox vaccination. After much study and seeking of information from the work done by these men in Europe, he started the production of Smallpox Vaccine in the rear of his home on West Market Street, Marietta. After successfully producing smallpox vaccine in a very small way, he purchased the farm northwest of the borough of Marietta and at this location started the H. M. Alexander Laboratory, which is now the site of the Wyeth Laboratories Inc. The Alexander Laboratories were the first commercial producers of smallpox vaccine in the United States. From the inception of the laboratories until the turn of the century, smallpox vaccine was the sole product. At the turn of the century, Dr. Alexander then became interested in the work that was done in Europe concerning the manufacture of diphtheria antitoxin and so about 1900 the Alexander Laboratories started manufacturing com-

mercially diphtheria antitoxin for the treatment of diphtheria. The next two products manufactured by the Alexander Laboratories were tetanus antitoxin and typhoid vaccine.

From 1882 until 1917 these laboratories were known as H. M. Alexander and Company, H. M. Alexander Laboratories and the Lancaster County Vaccine Farm.

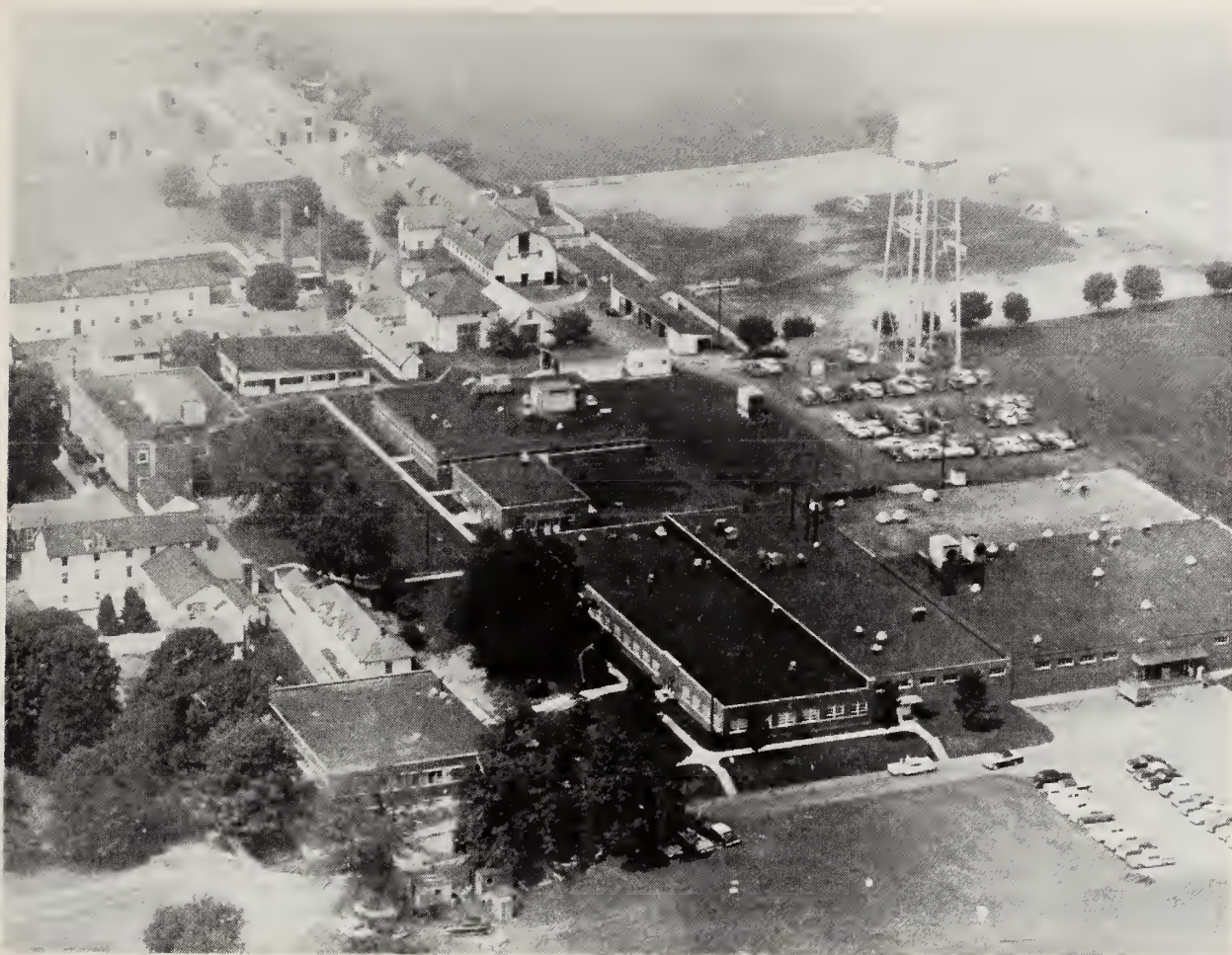
In 1917 the Alexander Laboratories were incorporated as the Gilliland Laboratories, having been purchased by his son-in-law, Dr. Samuel H. Gilliland. Dr. Gilliland had been the director of the laboratories following the death of Dr. Alexander.

The laboratories remained under the name of the Gilliland Laboratories until 1943, when they were acquired by the American Home Products Corporation through an exchange of A. H. P. stock for the capital stock of the Gilliland Laboratories. The laboratories operated as an independent subsidiary of A. H. P. for approximately a year when the ethical divisions were combined to form what is now known as Wyeth Laboratories Inc. A complete line of biological products is



This picture shows the facilities available during the year 1883. This picture was taken shortly after Dr. H. M. Alexander acquired the McMullen farm in East Donegal Township which is the present property occupied by Wyeth Laboratories Inc.

Dr. Alexander is the man in the derby standing by the horses. The driver of the team is George Rettew. The boy in the checked shirt is Harry McMullen, Sr., and the other boy is Dr. Alexander's son. We are not certain of the identity of the other individuals in the picture.



This aerial photograph was taken during the summer of 1959 and shows the present facilities of Wyeth Laboratories Inc.

manufactured at these laboratories; vaccines, antitoxins, antiserums, and injectable pharmaceutical products. However, smallpox vaccine still remains one of the leading products. Some of the other products manufactured in these laboratories are: Tetanus Antitoxin, Diphtheria Antitoxin, Tetanus Toxoid, Diphtheria Toxoid, Pertussis Vaccine (Whooping Cough), Antivenin, Gas Gangrene Antitoxin, Scarlet Fever Toxin, Typhoid Vaccine, Poliomyelitis Vaccine, Adenovirus Vaccine and Antipertussis Serum.

TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORPORATION

Natural gas has become an integral part of day-by-day operations in home, office and factory in and around Marietta. By the end of 1959, local citizens were among some 29.7 million United States consumers of natural gas, nature's most perfect fuel.

Much of the gas used in the area is brought up from the Gulf Coast by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, of Houston, Texas, through

its Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines. A key point on these pipelines that plays an important role in bringing gas into the area is Texas Eastern's compressor station located less than a mile northwest of Marietta near the intersection of state highways 441 and 241, across from the Naval Ordnance Depot.

This station is one of 63 compression installations throughout the company's 6,350-mile long natural gas pipeline system that spans the United States from Mexico to New York. Such facilities as the Marietta compressor station are necessary to pack large volumes of gas into the pipelines giving assurance that an adequate supply will be available at delivery points.

During 1959, Texas Eastern alone delivered more than 11.7 billion cubic feet of gas into the Marietta area bounded by Harrisburg, Columbia and Lancaster. This gas was delivered to local area utility distributing concerns who in turn saw that the gas was sent into homes, factories and offices for use. This quantity of gas was an important part of the 8.7 trillion cubic feet total volume of gas consumed throughout the nation during 1959. Increasing use of gas is expected to boost



Slightly less than a mile northwest of Marietta is located Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's compressor station Number 24-A, better known as the Marietta Station. This is one of 63 installations throughout the company's 6,350-mile-long natural gas pipeline system that daily brings large volumes of natural gas from the Gulf Coast to the East. This station plays a key role in delivering natural gas used in the Marietta area.

the national consumption level up to more than 15.3 trillion cubic feet within the next ten years. As expected growth in the Marietta area materializes, the rate of gas consumption can be expected to rise proportionately thus increasing the importance of operations of the Marietta station.

The station, which was constructed in 1952, serves two of the company's main pipelines—the 24-inch diameter Big Inch and the 20-inch diameter Little Big Inch pipelines. Both lines were built by the government during the war and purchased by Texas Eastern in 1947. A major portion of the Little Big Inch from Baytown, Texas, to Lebanon, Ohio, has been reconverted to petroleum products transportation. The rest of the line from Lebanon across to New Jersey, passing through the Marietta station, remains in natural gas service.

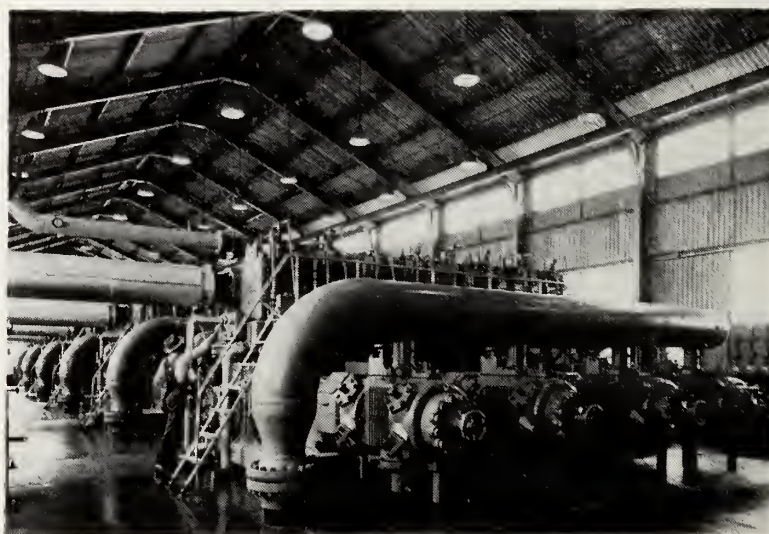
At the Marietta station there is a large building housing the compressors and their related equip-

ment plus auxiliary equipment, a smaller office and storage building, a large fin-fan unit—which is the radiator for the engine—and yard piping with large valves that control the flow of gas through the station.

Operations of the Texas Eastern system are directed from the company's Gas Division headquarters in Shreveport, Louisiana, with direct supervision carried on through six division offices along the route of the pipeline.

Texas Eastern compressor stations are spotted at 50 to 75-mile intervals along the pipeline. The stations receive gas from downstream stations, compress it and send it on the way to the next station. To perform this operation, the Marietta station utilizes six reciprocating type compressors driven by giant engines using natural gas for fuel. Each engine is of 1,760 horsepower giving the station a total rating of 10,560 horsepower.

These giant gas-engine powered reciprocating compressors help move large volumes of natural gas through Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's Marietta station. Installations such as this operate day and night to bring natural gas to consumers in the Marietta area as well as other areas in Pennsylvania, the Midwest and East.





New 1-story brick structure of THE MAYTOWN SHOE CO., completed in 1959 of which Mr. Victor Lombardo is President. Children's and Boys' shoes are manufactured here. The first plant of the Maytown Shoe Company was started in 1948 by Mr. Lombardo in a 2-story building off South River St.

Some 15 men, including chief operator Ray Smith, are required to operate the station on its 24-hour-a-day schedule. Assisting him are a mechanic, four operators, oilers and maintenance men. Some of the men reside in company cottages on the station grounds while the others live at Marietta or in nearby communities.

Texas Eastern plays an important role in the economy of Lancaster County through operation of its station and other facilities. In this area alone, the company payroll amounted to some \$85,000 during 1959.

The Marietta station, as well as 17 other Pennsylvania stations along the more than 1,000 miles of pipeline in the state, is located in the company's operating Division III with headquarters at West Chester. Each division staff includes engineers, master mechanics, electricians, accountants and measurement engineers, all of whom combine their efforts to keep natural gas moving quickly and steadily from field to consumer.

Constant communication between division headquarters, the general office and the compressor stations along the system is maintained through the use of leased telephone wires, microwave communications equipment and VHF radio.

Compressor engines, operating personnel, communications — all combine to keep the Marietta station on the job around the clock to assure consumers the availability of the most versatile fuel known.

CARGILL GRAIN INCORPORATED

Cargill Grain Incorporated, R. D. No. 1, Marietta, Pennsylvania, is a national company with its home office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The company is engaged in merchandising, warehousing, and processing of grain. This local terminal elevator and branch office was opened in 1950. It has a grain storing capacity of one million bushels. Cargill buys locally produced grain and stores wheat under the government loan program. This organization sells to local feed mills and flour

mills. They sell grains and ingredients that are grown locally or shipped in from the west. The ingredients they sell are soybean meal and linseed meal. Grain not consumed locally is shipped to places like Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Employment is seasonal. From 10 to 24 people are employed throughout the year.

Present office employees: Branch Manager—Dudley Russell; Merchant—Robert Wellman; Branch accountant—James Newcomer; Clerical staff: Edna Kline, Mildred Arnold; Elevator: Superintendent—John R. Hollenbaugh; Crew: Henry Gentzler, Joseph Sargen.
(others employed seasonally for part-time work)

GILBERT CONVEYOR AND WELDING CO.

Gilbert Conveyor and Welding Co. owned and operated by Mr. William Gilbert was started in July of 1958 on East High Street in the old Buck's warehouse. In the spring of 1959 Gilbert Conveyor and Welding Co., in need of more room and a better establishment, moved to a new and more modern shop on the outskirts of East High Street. Custom built conveyors, repair work, and general welding are the work done by Mr. Gilbert.

MAYTOWN MANUFACTURING COMPANY OWNER—MERVIN H. NOLT

In January 1946 a factory was opened on West Elizabeth Street in a building which was formerly used as an automotive repair shop. Facilities were then installed for the employment of 25 persons. Since then several additions have been added to the building and additional equipment installed.

The Maytown Mfg. Co. presently employs 80 persons in manufacture of children's slippers and pajamas. In its operation the plant converts yard goods into finished garments which are shipped to stores throughout the United States.

Then



House built by Caleb Way whose daughter, Rebecca, was the mother of Bayard Taylor, poet. Secured in 1819 by Henry Haines.

Now



At the present time is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Haines and Mrs. Henry B. Haines.

ROADS

By G. S. Hoffman

At Bi-Centennial all roads lead to Maytown—all five of them. But before Maytown was even established, there were several so-called roads through the scattered, tiny settlement in the virtual wilderness. Most of these roads still exist and are segments of an intricate pattern of transportation. In provincial times they were part and parcel of the development, not alone of this district, but also of the "western frontier."

Peter Bazaillon, carving trails through the virgin lands, came out of Philadelphia to trade with the Indians and set up posts for his fur business. He was the rugged pioneer of "road-building" to the interior. Main arteries, state and secondary roads for speeding vehicles now use many of the routes Peter laid out along streams and Indian paths.

Peter came into the vast Donegal and branched his roads throughout. History records "Old Peter's Great Road" as being a boundary of Manheim township. "The Road," laid out in 1718, was so named because it was the route used by Peter in going to and from his numerous trading posts in the Donegal region. He penetrated deeply, for in 1719 he took up 700 acres of land in the Donegal country only a short distance below Conoy Creek, which borders on Conoy Township.

But then there was "Old Peter's Road," close by Maytown which could be the one from the village which today by-passes most of Marietta and is known as the "Long Lane."

Everts and Stewart in their pictorial history of Lancaster County wrote: "A public road was opened at a very early period direct from Lancaster to Maytown (leaving the sites of Marietta and Columbia to the south—Columbia was Wright's Ferry and Marietta was Anderson's Ferry, Waterford and New Haven until the turn of the century) and, during the Whiskey Insurrection in western Pennsylvania in Washington's time, Maytown was the rendezvous of the troops called out to quell the revolt who were called the Whiskey Boys. From Maytown a road was opened to the then extensive frontier of "Carlisle Barracks."

("The Whiskey Insurrection was the name given to a local outbreak occurring in opposition to the excise law passed by Congress March 3, 1791. In addition to the general objections urged against the measure, the inhabitants of Western Pennsylvania considered the tax an unfair discrimination

against their region and raised an insurrection, causing President Washington to call out an army of fifteen thousand militia. This show of an unsuspected vigor and resource on the part of the government forced the insurgents to disperse without bloodshed.")

Maytown had other roads of importance fanning out from the historic square. They could hardly be called roads, hacked out of the woods and grasslands by man and beast labor, they were trailways for settlers bringing in their belongings by horsepack, flats and Conestoga wagons.

One of the earliest was the so-called Vinegar Ferry Road which led west from Maytown square to the Susquehanna where a ferry was established before 1760. According to Dr. H. M. J. Klein, the name of the Ferry derived from "Christian Winiaker (Vinegar) Sr., who settled in Donegal about 1750 and rented the ferry near Marietta, about 2 miles away."

Settlers, trappers and traders used this method for many years to go back and forth to York County, fording the river during low water or using the shallow, dug-out ferry boats. When wagons were to be taken across, two dug-outs were lashed together and the wagon placed on them. Horses and cattle were roped together and led by a boat that was rowed. For transportation in and out of Maytown and the Donegal this was an important road in non-bridge early times, as well as later.

When the Columbia bridge was burned during the Civil War, refugees, fleeing the guns of Gettysburg, brought their families, belongings, and coveted teams to the many ferries along the river; and one of the most important was Vinegar Ferry leading to the asyllum of the Maytown district. Even later in 1900 plus, families who owned cottages on the York County side took their belongings via Vinegar Ferry Road across by pole-propelled flat boats, there at the landing to be met by team and wagon to transport their summer equipment to the respective sites. Many a politician also went quietly through Maytown to the ferry for rendezvous with others at famed Wild Cat Inn.

The "Road to the River" also was a local commercial trail, for in those days the river teamed with fish, and especially when the shad were running, Maytown natives secured great hauls which were salted down, barrelled for personal use or shipped out, adding to the village's economy.

Then



Band Hall

Now



Same building remodeled

Right-angling from Vinegar Ferry Road at the edge of Maytown is the one to Bainbridge, Falmouth, and, thence, to Harrisburg. This too was an early road and most logically would have been the one previously mentioned to Carlisle Barracks. Pioneer trails or roads were routed along waterways for man and beast had to drink, and many of the trail blazers didn't blaze, they just followed the ways and means of their smart predecessors, the Indians. Old Peter undoubtedly had his sturdy hand in opening this road also when he took up the 700 acres for his wife, Martha.

A road from Maytown to Elizabethtown was laid out by Barnabas Hughes and named for his wife in 1751. It was over this road that news from Carlisle came in 1755 of the disaster Braddock's forces had sustained in the attack on Fort Duquesne, (Pittsburgh).

The road to Marietta became a "turnpike," not at all in today's sense of the word, but designated so as a toll road. The road to Florin (called Centerville as late as 1875) and on to Mt. Joy was

part of the network of "Old Peter's Roads." It wound through the countryside, lending its accent to the history of Donegal Church and the patriots who gathered at the Witness Tree. (According to Mr. H. Roy Nissly, of Florin, who was a supervisor in 1915, this road from Maytown, past Donegal Church and into Florin was the first oil-bound road out of Maytown.)

Roads are vital, living symbols of the dim past, the present, the future. They are tied in irrevocably with the settlement and expansion—even survival—of communities and country. From the crudest trails to stone-filled rutted, muddy, dusty or snow-bound, according to the seasons, roads were an every day part of the lives of the indomitable pioneers who carved for themselves a new life in a new land, and they too necessarily progressed in improvement as generation followed generation.

The horse gave way to the horseless carriage, and roads had to parallel this progress. But the history of their origin, during the growing pains of the country and its settlements, belongs to the ages.

MAYTOWN BAND HALL

by Catharine Clepper Simons

Do you remember the many festivals held in the old Band Hall when we ate delicious homemade ice cream and chicken corn soup, 5 and 10 cent plates?

All the activities of the town centered here.

Plays, suppers, banquets, high school commencement, alumni, Lyceum, elections, Farmers' Institute and basket ball games.

Not to be forgotten are the concerts by the band and band practice which the public was free



Back row: Clinton Longenecker, Christian Peck, Andrew Albright, Dr. G. A. Harter, Fred Peck, Charles Roath

Middle row: William Worrall (Bandmaster) Irvin Masterson, Unknown, Frank Kraybill, Charles Barnhart, Thomas Loucks, George Glattacker, George Welchans, Kaiser Markley

Kneeling: North Loucks, Charles Henderson, Harlan Buller, Moses Snyder, Claude Buller

to enjoy.

Very little is known of the early history of the building on South River Street. It was used as the Methodist Church and later as the town's general store, operated by Henry Fletcher.

We believe it was purchased by the band about 1888 because expense accounts for years '84, '85, '86 and '87 show payments for rent to J. Shaffner.

November 19, 1929, the Citizen's Cornet Band sold the hall to Elmer G. Strickler, who at great expense remodeled the building, at a cost of \$3,500. The glass front made a beautiful showroom for Chevrolet and Buick cars.

In 1932 Mr. Strickler sold it to Mervin Arnold who built a garage in the rear.

Old Home week records show the hall decorated for the occasion, 50 years ago.

E. B. Grove has in his possession the deed to the Maytown Armory purchased by the trustees of the Maytown Infantry from Dr. A. D. Brene-man the 29th day of May, 1859, on West High Street.

On the 6th day of January, 1872, a charter was granted to the Maytown Hall Association to remodel, refit, and improve the Old Maytown Armory Hall for holding lectures, exhibitions, etc.

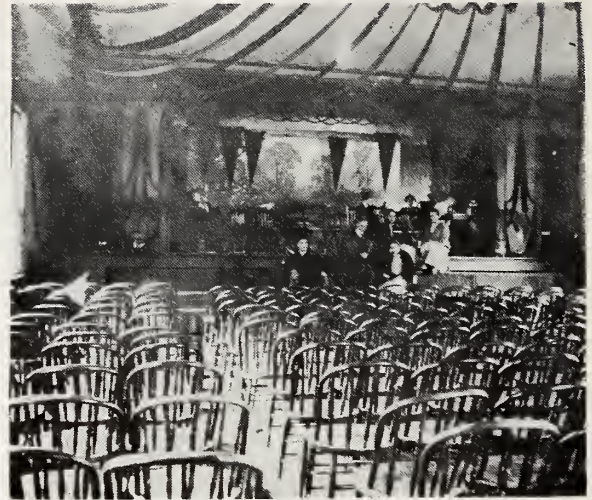
Through the kindness of H. P. Frank, Jr., we had access to the band minute books from 1871 to 1913.

Minutes of November 3, 1872 stated "we met in Armory to practice" showing the Armory Hall was being used.

The Band Hall was owned by the Maytown Band, who were known for their good music and of whom the town was very proud. Some quotes from their minutes are:

1873—For a serenade we get \$2.

1874—Members fined 25c for absence from practice.



Inside Band Hall

1882—Fellow that gets dry, bring water.

1882—Put key where member that comes first can get in Band room.

1882—We pay 10c a man to get measured for suits.

1885—Dues 10c a month.

1885—Every person has his horn brightened.

1885—We all help R. F. Markley butcher tomorrow.

1885—We put on only caps to play at Bainbridge.

1901—Articles received from R. F. Markley, coats, caps, pants, helmets, deed to property.

1910—Give Dr. Harter the right to pay all bills contracted by Band during Old Home week.

1913—Basketball games be discontinued in Hall.

BICENTENNIAL CHORUS

Marilyn Fink, Chairman

Margaret Frank, Co-Chairman

Members of the Chorus

Miriam Acri, Mabel Arnold, Glen Arnold, Dale L. Andrews, John Adams, Sandy Barnhart, Marguerite Beatty, Wilbur Brubaker, Vesta Charles, Hoffman Charles, Patrick Chankshaw, Avis Cross, Ruth Drager, Beryl Drace.

Dottie Engle, Sharon Enroughty, David Greer, Adam Greer, Frances Greer, Harold Gerber, Martha Gerber, Anna Mae Gable, Miriam Greider, Nancy Gable, Harrison Gingerich, Helen Good, Nancy Hertzler, Mary Hoffman, Joseph Hollenbaugh, James Houseal.

Pattie Hollinger, Dorothy Johns, Robert Linard, Mildred Mohr, Joyce P. Miller, Rufus Miller, Daniel A. Mowrer, Elsa Mowrer, Clifford Morrison, Ruth Newcomer, Joyce Newcomer, Dorothy Nissley, Gerald A. Nellenbach, Mildred Peifer, Estella Prescott.

Walter J. Prescott, Ann Reuter, Jane Roland, Beulah Smith, Barbara Seaman, Marilyn Strominger, Ann Shank, Vera Stokes, Charles Shank, JoAnn Shank, James Shank, Bruce Smith, Ronald Singer, Henrietta Trostle, Doris Weidman, Henry Weidman, Sara Weaver, Miriam Watto, Sylvia Warfel, Goldie Yordy, Carol Zeigler.

CLIPPINGS

June 20th 1877

A Treat for Maytown—A number of the citizens of Maytown being informed by Hon. Simon Cameron that the distinguished ex-Senator purposed entertaining the citizens of his native place by a grand picnic at his residence, Donegal Springs, on the fourth of July, a meeting was called on Saturday evening last to make arrangements for the event. The meeting was organized by appointing Mr. J. S. Roath, Chairman, and Mr. H. A. Haines, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated, and the following committees were then appointed:

On Finance—M. M. Hoffman, Dr. M. M. Withers, Joseph L. Brant, David Grove.

Flour and Groceries — James B. Henderson, R. F. Markley, Jesse Klugh, Vincent Wilson, John H. Houseal.

Beef—Henry Houseal, J. S. Roath, Abram Geltmacher.

Ice Cream—C. M. Peck, Frank Johnson, Solon Z. Landis, H. S. Book, John A. Eagle.

Butter—Christ Longenecker, Cyrus Sherbohn, W. H. Englen, John Hays, S. F. Albright, John Markley.

Small Beer—Henry Houseal, Henry Johnston, A. Morton, Henry Haines, Sr.

Lemonade—Jacob Heistand, F. P. Houseal, John P. Albright, John Hoffman, John Brown, Abel Houseal.

Tables—Jacob C. Murray, N. Reikard, John L. Hayes, W. W. Henderson, Samuel Griffith, G. Longenecker, Samuel Sload, John Diblen, George Warner, G. H. Henderson, Cameron Albright, B. Ronbach, Albert Clepper.

Teams—Ellis Eckman, Jacob C. Murray, Frank Albright, Samuel G. Pence, Henry E. Longenecker, David Henderson.

Managers of Grounds—H. A. Haines, Henry Bowman, Henry Terry, H. Beschler, John Johnston, John Bullen, John Beschler, F. A. Houseal, F. P. Houseal, Thos. Shaffner, William Fisher, Samuel Welchans, J. Henderson, Jr., William Bance, George Gladmaker, Henry Kendig, Frank P. Geltmaker, Charles Murray, William McClure, Lewis Hall, William Brown, Samuel Drebenstadt, W. W. Bullen.

The invitation, it was stated, was exclusively for the entire population of Maytown, and of course, such guests as the General might see fit to invite.

June 1877

Another Treat by Ex-Senator Cameron. A correspondent furnishes the following account of a banquet given by Hon. Simon Cameron on Thanksgiving day:

Mr. Editor—One of the grandest social and festal gathering that took place on the late Thanksgiving day, and that thus rendered that day a memorable occasion to the people of Maytown, was the brilliant and sumptuous hanquet given to the citizens of said place by the whole-souled fellow-feeling and lavish hospitality of ex-Senator Simon Cameron. He is ever trying to make the young feel happy and gay; and his merry disposition and conversation made this occasion one of unusual delight. The benefit was to be given to Mr. Geo. Boyer, proprietor of the oldest and leading hotel Elizabethtown. The guests having assembled at Maytown at about eleven o'clock, therefore stepped into private conveyances and drove to Elizabethtown where the banquet was given. They arrived at their destination about one o'clock. Having spent the intervening time in a pleasant social chat; at three o'clock the guests were conducted to the dining-room where was placed before them the most magnificent and sumptuous feast — the choicest and rarest lavish hospitality could afford. But the table was as elegantly decorated as it was profusely loaded. Not only was the occasion hugely enjoyed

by all, but it deserved and won the heartfelt gratitude of all present.

This praiseworthy act was but another evidence of the ex-Senator's sincere sympathy and hospitality, proving himself, again, as ever, the man of the people. Long will he be remembered and revered by the people of Maytown.

February 2, 1878

Republican Primary Election came off in Maytown for East Donegal township officers. It was the liveliest "setting day" known to politicians of the present time and a large crowd was constantly in attendance. The following is the full vote for each candidate:

	Assessor
Frank Paulus*	135
William Buller	130
Enos Engle	29
John A. Garter	28
	Supervisors
William Portner*	198
Horace Gladfelter*	162
William Kinard	124
Amos Lehman	82
	School Directors
Henry S. Musser*	272
F. U. Gantz*	148
Ephraim Nissley	118
John Shank	92
	Justice of the Peace
Solomon B. Epler, by acclamation.	
	Constable
Silas Spiese*	127
Jacob Bostick	39

Those marked with an (*) were nominated.

The following were nominated by acclamation:

Auditor—John Musser.

Township Clerk—Daniel B. Nissley.

Judge—Solon Landis.

Inspector—John G. Engle.

1895

School Appointments

Last Tuesday the following teachers were appointed in East Donegal township:

Maytown High School—D. W. Wilder

Maytown Grammar—Ezra Briner

Maytown Intermediate—Miss Sue Beck

Maytown 2nd Primary—Miss M. Yetter.

Maytown 1st Primary—Miss Bell Shetter

Fairview—Miss Martha Oherholtzer

Donegal—Gabriel Root

Rock Point—Joseph Strickler

Curtin—Miss Anna McCleary

Lincoln Grammar—I. O. Fry; Assistant, Miss Laura Beck

Furnace—Principal, C. G. Miller; Assistant, Miss Mary Shall

Union—Principal, A. B. Root; Assistant, Miss M. Herring

Florin—Principal, C. G. Hunter; Assistant, Miss Katie Witmer

February 2, 1878

Democratic Primary in Maytown—The Democrats of East Donegal township held their nomination election

on Saturday evening and selected the following:

Assessor—Joseph Shireman.

School Directors—M. S. Moore and Joseph Schlegelmilch.

Supervisor—William Haines and Ellis Eckman.

Justice of the Peace—Joseph L. Brandt.

Auditor—David Grove.

Judge—Vincent Wilson.

Inspector—Franklin P. Houseal.

Constable—George P. Grosh.

July 15, 1876

Gift by General Cameron—The dwelling house of the late Daniel K. Heisey in Maytown was sold on Saturday last by David M. Eyer, Executor, to General Simon Cameron for \$1710. We understand that it is the intention of General Cameron to present this building to the Lutheran Church of Maytown to be used as a parsonage. The dwelling stands upon the spot on which stood the house in which the General was born, and he therefore feels an interest in the property. This is a munificent gift to the Maytown church, and we have no doubt the members will highly appreciate it.

July 20, 1877

TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS—At the meeting of the School Directors after the examination on Tuesday last, the following were elected as teachers of the East Donegal schools:

Donegal—J. D. Tuckey.

Union—Principal, J. H. Martin; Asst., Kate Druckenmiller.

Washington—Principal, Mary E. Buckwalter; Asst., Zady Witmer.

Curtin—J. H. F. Hendricks.

Furnace—John Albright.

Fairview—Jos. Foulz.

Rock Point—J. F. Johnson.

Franklin—Principal, C. M. Peck; Asst. Kate W. Taylor.

Maytown High School—Jos. Brandt.

Maytown Primary—Harry McCully.

Maytown Secondary—not filled.

Lincoln High School—Wm. Greist.

Lincoln Secondary—Principal, not filled; Asst., Laura Beck.

The vacancies will be filled at the next meeting of the School Directors, August 4.

January 19th 1878

Maytown Hall Co.—The annual election for officers of the Maytown Hall Co., was held on Saturday last, when the following were chosen:

President—Simon Cameron.

Vice President—David Shutter.

Secretary—John L. Jacobs.

Treasurer—David Grove.

Trustees—John G. Hoerner, Abram Martin, M. M. Hoffman, John A. Garber, John Farmer.

January 19, 1878

"Among The Breakers." — The High School of Maytown, assisted by some of the young ladies and gentlemen of that place, will repeat the play of the piece entitled "Among The Breakers," which they performed so well in Maytown a few weeks ago. The actors are all young people who have not devoted a great deal of time in training for the stage, but perform as well as

many we have seen who make acting a business. We feel certain that all who go will feel well paid for their trouble. In addition to the acting the Marietta Orchestra will be present and favor the audience with several selections. The Orchestra performance alone will be worth the price of admission as their music is of a high order, and they play well. The play will be held in Engle's Hall, Mount Joy, this Saturday evening, January 19th, 1878.

February 2, 1878

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION IN EAST DONEGAL — The nomination election of the Republicans of East Donegal township comes off to-day at one o'clock at the old school house in Maytown. There will be to select 1 assessor, 2 school directors, 2 supervisors, 1 township clerk, 1 auditor and 1 constable. The following persons have been named for the various offices: William Bullard, John A. Garber and Frank Paulus, for assessor; for School Directors, F. U. Gantz, John Shank, Henry S. Musser and Ephraim Nissley; for Supervisors, Horace Glatfelter, Amos Lehman, W. Portner and Wm. Kinard; for Clerk, Daniel B. Nissley; for Auditor, Christian Reesor. In addition to the above, a Justice of the Peace is to be chosen in place of H. E. Albert, removed to another State. Mr. S. F. Albright is the only one we have heard named for this position who will accept.

July 4th, 1876

General Cameron's Picnic—Ex-Senator Cameron having invited all the citizens of Maytown, together with a number of personal friends and old acquaintances in the vicinity, to spend the Fourth with him at his residence at Donegal, an assemblage variously estimated at from six to eight hundred persons availed themselves of the General's invitation, and had a jolly good time together. The ex-Senator was in his happiest mood, and did his best to make his numerous friends feel at home. The tables were abundantly supplied with the best of everything necessary to the comforts of the inner man, and to which the company did ample justice. After dinner the Rev. J. V. Eckert read the Declaration of Independence, and General Cameron gave a sketch of his life from the time he left Maytown in his boyhood to the present. In the course of his remarks he said he had long had a desire to buy the old church farm, on which his grandfather was a tenant, and that when he bought the "Watson farm," his present home, he thought he was buying it; but he has since learned that only 15 acres of the farm on which his grandfather lived are included in his recent purchase. His grandfather, he said, came to this country with an old Scotch preacher named McFarquhar, who was stationed for a time at Donegal church.

The General at the age of seventy-eight still retains the vigor and executive ability for which he was ever remarkable, and considering the stock from which he is descended, the Camerons of Lochiel on one side, and the Frazers of Lovat on the other, two of the most daring and enterprising of the Scottish clans, one may readily account for the combination of elements that has made the General play so conspicuous a part in the politics of his native state, and in the government of the country.

The gathering at Donegal would doubtless serve to revive some of the boyhood scenes of the veteran Statesman. A joke is told at the expense of his son Don, which is characteristic of Simon.

Some time before the party, Don said to his father: "Well, I don't know whether I will come down to your party or not." The old man said: "You'd better wait till you get an invitation. You ain't a Donegaler." Don wasn't there.

DONEGAL HISTORY

INTERESTING STATISTICS OF EARLY MARIETTA AND DONEGAL—HOW OUR BOROUGH WAS NAMED.

Samuel Evans, Esq., of Columbia, has been writing sketches of the people who settled in this section about the time of the building of Donegal Church, for the Columbia "Herald." In his article of this week he says:

Donegal church and Maytown, which was laid out as a town about 1750, were closely identified and were points of interest on the westward march of emigration and civilization.

MAYTOWN

We must not neglect to make mention of our ancient friends in Maytown, as they were part and parcel of Donegal. As stated heretofore, Maytown was laid out by Jacob Downer between 1750 and 1760. Christ Keesey and others laid out additions to the place subsequently. I find that Mr. Downer deeded a lot of ground to Ludwig Lindemuth and Peter Thiel, members of the congregation of the Lutheran church of the High Dutch at the corner of Jacob and Queen streets; the lot adjoining Joseph Tate's land, and that of Jacob Shireman, in 1770.

The present stone church stands on a portion of this lot, but there was one of logs erected before that. Although Maytown could boast of two churches, the people there were not considered over-burdened with piety. Dancing and frolicking were common pastimes.

It was thought at one time that Maytown was going to be a very important inland town, but Marietta took the wind out of its sails, and Maytown has never recovered from the blow since.

During the Revolutionary War, it was the place where the militia of Donegal were mustered. From that day until thirty-five years ago it was considered rather a gay place.

The taxables in Maytown for the year 1774 were Christ Betsler (now Beshler), Frederick Reigh, Daniel Ort, Henry Hinkle, Stophel Albright, Thomas Carr, Enoch Hastings, Abraham Etter, Abraham Long, Daniel Kilman (Gilman), Adam Nase, John Emet, John Michlas, Jacob Shireman, Ulrich Doner, George Barr, the grandfather of Col. John Barr of Columbia; Frederick Saylor, Henry Ferr, Fred Kalback, John Kritis, Walter Bell.

In 1790 the following names appear upon the list of taxables:

Walter Bell; James Eagan, was a redemption, and purchased by John Haldeman at Philadelphia for his passage. After he served a term of years with Mr. H., he was very saving of his means and obtained enough to start a little store in Maytown. His business there increased rapidly; his customers came ten and fifteen miles to his store to purchase tea and iron, articles that could not be had in the county west of Lancaster, at that time. He became wealthy. I believe there are some of his descendants living in Philadelphia.

Abraham Albert.

John Haldeman owned some lots in Maytown, but I do not think he resided in the place. He was a member of Assembly in 1790 and 1791. He removed to Columbia where he died in 1836, at an advanced age. He was a very successful farmer and merchant. He was a cooper; he was the father of the late Jacob, of Harrisburg; Henry, of Columbia.

Daniel Orth, widow Haines, Jacob Long, George Barr, Daniel Gilman, William Kite, Ulrich Tanner, Henry Haines, Anthony Dominick Egle, John Nicholas, John Hollinger, William Peck, Conrad Alhrigh, Jac.

Clepper, Adam Cline, John Warner, John Whitehill, Samuel Cook, Richard Kays, Robert Ballance.

Samuel Cochran was born in the parish of Ballachran, near Colerain, in the north of Ireland, in the year 1751. He came to America and settled in Maytown, about the year 1783. He married Elizabeth Shireman, sister of Jacob Shireman, spoken of previously, in the year 1787. He died in the year 1807. The late James Me-haffey, of Marietta, married a daughter of Mr. Cochran. The mother of John A. Hiestand, the editor and publisher of "The Examiner and Express," was also a daughter.

Mr. Cochran was probably a Presbyterian, as there are few if any of the name who do not belong to that denomination. I regret that I have no more data in relation to this family, as it was a prominent one in Donegal.

William Price, Henry Lutz, Christian Vinegar, rented the ferry above Marietta, and lived there many years. Daniel Gilman married a daughter, as did also I believe Dr. Brenneman.

George Roup, Howel Hastings, Fred. Sailor, Christ Kunk, Fred. Albright, Jacob Hoffman. About the year 1778, Fred. Stump came from Hesse Cassel, and settled at Vinegar's Ferry. The place did not agree with him, when he removed to Maytown early in the year 1783, where he kept tavern, whence he removed to Columbia and kept tavern there. The late Jacob Gossler, of Columbia, married his daughter. Jacob L. Gossler, of New York, is a grandson.

OTHER BIOGRAPHIES

WATSON - PATTERSON - CLARK

James Stinson, sometimes called Stevenson, settled upon the land adjoining the Donegal Meeting House property, now owned by General Cameron and lately in the possession of Dr. N. Watson. I am not able to state the precise year Stinson came to Donegal, but it was before 1740 as his name appears as one of the adjoining landholders, in the deed from the Penns to Donegal congregation in 1740. My impression is (and I regret that I have no way of verifying the fact) that his son, Nathaniel Stinson, married Miss Jane Watson of Leacock township, who was probably the sister of Col. James Watson who commanded the 2d Battalion of the Lancaster county militia at the battle of Brandywine. He had also a brother William and John. The latter received a collegiate education and entered the medical profession. He married a Miss Clemson, daughter of James Clemson, Esq., who settled in Pequea, and was connected with the Penns. About the year 1782, Dr. Watson purchased the Stinson farm at Donegal, and for more than sixty years he was the most prominent and successful practitioner in the neighborhood. He was born December 25, 1762, and died November 16, 1843, aged 80 years. He left surviving him, his wife Margaret, who died August 14, 1850, aged 88 years; and son, John, was born April 14, 1798, and died April 24, 1852, aged 52 years. David, a son, studied medicine and was a very successful one. He died about thirty years ago.

1906—The residents of Maytown were very much interested and excited when the first house lights were turned on by the Elizabethtown Electric Company in Hick's Store Room in 1906.

The town lights followed some months later. The residents gave voluntary contributions, and these collections were taken monthly.

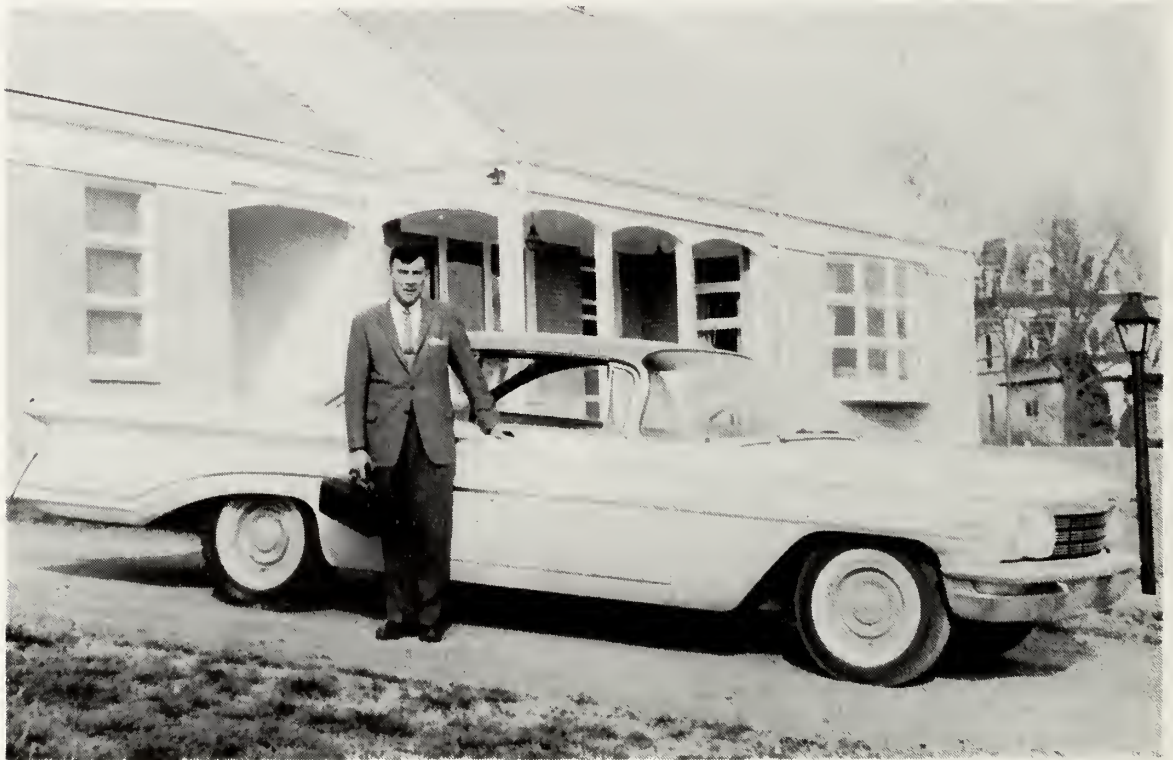
Some years later the line was sold to Pennsylvania Power & Light Company.

Then



Dr. G. A. Harter at the Donegal picnic

Now



Dr. Michael Gratch in front of his new home in Maytown

FACTS! FUN! FANCIES!

REMEMBRANCES OF OUR HOME TOWN

by Josephine Beshler

There is something about the most of us, no matter where we are that longs to keep in touch with "Our Old Home Town." So reminisce and stroll down Memory Lane with us.

Recall many happy devoted people going about their daily duties of living and having fun along the way. Enjoy facts, fun, or fancies in the friendly neighborliness of our small community.

Remember—

The fun of Old Home Week? The 2,800 people entertained in our homes to say nothing of the thousands who visited our town.

Did you know that on Wednesday—the big day—nearly ten thousand people visited our town and that Constable "Bill" Shields and the State Constabulary had not a single arrest and scarcely anyone to remind that he must behave? Also the 3,942 exhibits? (Quoted from Marietta Times)

The Prohibition Meeting in the Church of God, October 28, 1887, which predicted the coming of prohibition 31 years later?

Our "Old Square" with the iron pump and spiked railing, the tall flag pole and the old trough for watering the town animals?

Our schoolhouse with its iron fence where we "skinned the cat" and the old township shed from which we periodically fell off the roof and broke ankles and arms?

Remember all the boys who rode their horses to school?

The reciting of Snow-Bound and the singing of "We're Marching to Zion" in Miss Susanna Beck's Fourth School?

The Flag Pole in the school yard where the Juniors and Seniors exhibited their prowesses during the pennant raising?

The sleigh rides taken by the various classes of the High School?

The Literary Society Meetings by the High School in Band Hall with the opening strains of

"Narcissus" calling us to get ready for the opening chorus?

Remember all the joyous events in the Old Band Hall where—

The Maytown Band practiced and entertained the entire community on a midsummer evening?

The Farmers' Institute which highlighted a year's farming in our community was held?

The dances over a period of many years delighted both young and old?

The Minstrel Shows by our local young men entertained the largest audiences ever known to the Hall?

Then our memories take us back to many other "By Gones":

Remember—

The Patent Medicine Shows, the organ grinder and the old street piano men who visited us often?

Haley's Comet watchers in the fields around the town?

The "Cloak Woman" who "wandered" the streets at nighttime?

The famous baseball games on Strickler's Field with our enthusiastic feminine fans cheering for the home team and the vociferous fan who tripped the opposing team's player with her ever faithful umbrella?

The old blacksmith shop where we had "horse shoe nail" rings shaped?

John Peter Albright shoeing horses and retelling history while he shod our horses?

Then across the road was "Old Soldier" Epler with his famous parrot?

The sound of Dr. Harter's horse trotting across the bridges and streets at all hours of the day and night?

OLD PICTURES

Most of the pictures in this book were obtained through the efforts of Mrs. Reuben Kendig whose father, Mr. John K. Miller was a photographer for over 60 years. He lived in Maytown and died in 1945.



John K. Miller



Seated: John Mathias, Andrew Albright, Adelle Grove, Irvin Masterson, Dr. G. A. Harter.
Standing: Harlan Buller, Charles Roath, North Loucks.

The cattle drovers driving their horses, cattle and mules through the town while the good housewives stood guard with brooms to guard their yards and porches?

The sales at the Washington House with the "showing off" of the horses on the street?

The "Washington House" Barn covered with circus posters?

The night the barn burned and the bucket brigade formed from the Square?

Did you know that was the only time the water supply ever failed at the town pump?

Did you ever go to Jesse's Store for penny candy and New Orleans molasses?

Do you remember Mr. and Mrs. Klugh taking their afternoon drive with Dolly, their white horse?

Remember sledding on Book's Hill and being scared of Henry Beshler's St. Bernard dog, Major?

Ever skate on the sidewalks with your ice skates during one of our "old fashioned" ice storms?

Ever skate on the old brick yard pond?

Ever pick blue-bells down Coffee Goss or go for delicious strawberries down to Cleppers?

Remember Bill Sebastian, the rag man with his friendly greeting to everyone and how we listened for the carillon over his horse. How we children of the town hunted for old iron, bones and broken horse shoes to sell to him?

The big round stove and saw dust box in Hick's Store around which the old, middle-aged and young sat discussing crops, politics and items of local interest?

The church festivals held on the lawns and in Johnstin's orchard?

The Alumni Banquets in the school house and Band Hall?

In our rural community of yesteryear life was deliciously pleasant especially in the summertime. We wandered in the lanes and byways and enjoyed the freedom of fields, woods, brooks and country roads and above all the dear old Susquehanna.

There was the Vinegar Ferry road which led to our adventuring to the "Horse Hole" for swim-



A very early picture of Maytown Grade School.



Last trip of Mr. Jacob Miller — getting the mail in Marietta to bring to Maytown.



Jim McClure and the big mail hack.

ming. Then across the river calling "Over" to Leander Freed, who lived on the York County side.

Then do you remember—

The boys camping across the river and the house parties at the cottages? Also "Eidelweis" cottage with its delightful parties?

The "Ole Swimming Hole" on the Garber farm?

The white violets, minnow catching and dam building down by Queenie's where she watched her cow, and old John, her goose, pinched our bare feet.

The picnics at Chickies Park and the efforts of the farmers with their hay ladder wagons to transport us to the Marietta trolley and how we ran to get the tables upon arrival?

Jim's Hack which so faithfully carried the mails and passengers from Marietta?

Jacob Miller and his spanking black horses with the shiny black mail coach?

The jitney which later replaced the mail coaches?

Guy Hoffman's famous cure for ivy poison? (Ask Guy how he got the pony off the third floor?)

How we "snitched" berries and cherries around the town especially out at Pattie's?

Emanuel Rutter alias "Shorty" and Zachie Sherbohn?

The burning of Frank's garage and the steeple of the Reformed Church?

Do you remember the Halloween pranks, the Dummies placed at the doors, and how we were frightened that Squire Hicks would arrest us?

Ever remember hearing the Calithumpians, with the old anvil and horse fiddle serenading some newly-weds?

Ever watch cows around the roads of the town and have the farmers chase you because the cows invaded their fields?

Then there were the old barns of our childhood. What places to play and have our shows with Roland Roath's goat as chief attraction!

Remember how we pushed the hand pumper out to Johnstin's fire and how we forgot the hose and had to run back for it?

Remember how we gathered chickens and "things" on a wheelbarrow for our first Fire Festival?

Remember camping at Bonnie Briar and at Mt. Gretna?

Recall the Civic Club's Garden Party and the fun of General Simon Cameron's inaugural coach?

These are the things we remember. We hope you will remember, too, for our old memories, tried by time, have proven strong and good and fine.

We have known peace and harmony in our town, enjoying life from the spring time of our youth to the winter time of our life. How lovely is our community!



Curio Exhibit, Old Home Week 1910





Mr. Jacob Minnich who marshalled many Maytown parades.



Jacob Miller with oxen yoke.



Dr. Harter's house where Dr. Gratch's office and previous home stands.



Hollenbaugh Bakery Wagons.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sterner



John Markley home now the present location of the Maytown branch of the Mount Joy Union National Bank.



St. John's Lutheran Church Mission Band

Standing left to right: Cora Shaffner, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mrs. John Simons, teacher, Josephine Beshler, Virginia Johns, Miriam Keller, Helen Rhoads, Miss Bessie Johnstin, teacher, Marguerite Hoffman, Edith Sprout, Mary McCurdy, Hazel Shireman,

Sitting: Helen Barnhart, Dorothy Zell, Elizabeth Engle, Lillian Fletcher, Puria Krout, Harriet Hoffman, Nora Hoover, Hazel Keller, Marion Zell, Mrs. Emily Roath, teacher.



Maytown High School, 1915

Largest enrollment prior to the building of East Donegal High School Building. Largest class to be graduated prior to 1930.

OLD HOME WEEK

CELEBRATION

1910

150 YEARS

MAYTOWN. PENNSYLVANIA



OLD HOME WEEK OFFICERS — Standing: Samuel Sload, Howard Shireman, Christian Longenecker, Charles C. Hicks (still living), Charles Welchans (still living), Andrew Albright. Seated: Henry B. Haines, James F. Johnstin, William Clepper, Dr. G. A. Harter, Missing from picture: John R. Roath and E. Z. Hoffman.

(This is a copy of the program for the 1910 Old Home Week)

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MAYTOWN

1910

OLD HOME WEEK



Celebrating the One Hundred and Fiftieth
Anniversary of the Birth of the Town

July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3, 1910

Headquarters — Maytown Band Hall

The Maytown Band will furnish music during the Celebration,
assisted by a number of Visiting Bands.

All Exercises will be held on the
High School Campus

Curio Exhibit in High School Building



. . . *Program* . . .

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- A. M.—10:30—Historical Services in the Churches
- P. M.— 2:00—Song Service High School Campus
2:30—Music Choral Society
Sermon—Rev. R. W. Illingworth, of Marietta
Followed by Short Addresses by Ex-Pastors
- 7:00—Special Services in Churches

MONDAY — SCHOOL DAY — AUGUST 1

- P. M.— 1:30—PARADE.....Schools and Alumni of East Donegal Twp.
- 2:00—EXERCISES High School Campus
- Music Maytown Choral Society
- Prayer
- Address of Welcome.....Prof. Hiram B. Jacobs
of Maytown
- Music Choral Society
- AddressRev. Henry H. Apple, D.D.
Pres. Franklin & Marshall College
- 8:00—Reunion of Maytown High School Alumni Association
- Public Cordially Invited — High School Campus

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

A. M.—9:00—FIELD SPORTS**
Running Races
Obstacle Races
High Jump
Broad Jump
Three-Legged Races
Sack Races
Hurdle Races, etc.



FARMERS' DAY

P. M.—2:00—Music Maytown Choral Society
2:30—Address Hon. A. L. Martin
Director of Farmers' Institutes, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Address
6:00—CIVIC and FANTASTIC PARADE
8:00—Concert and Reminiscent Talks.....Campus

WEDNESDAY—CIVIC AND PATRIOTIC DAY, AUGUST 3

A. M.—9:00—Basket Ball Game.....1910 Team vs. Alumni
10:00—Base BallEx-Members of Maytown Team
P. M.—1:00—Music Band
2:00—Historical Address Prof. Hiram B. Jacobs, Maytown
3:00—Address Hon. W. U. Hensel, Lancaster, Penna
5:00—PARADEMaytown Council, No. 79, O. U. A. M.
and Visiting Councils
8:00—Patriotic Order Session
Address Rev. J. T. Fleegal of Penbrook, Penna.
Concert Saginaw Band
9:30—FIREWORKS



OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	-	James F. Johnstin
Vice-President	-	-	-	-	Henry B. Haines
Secretary	-	-	-	-	William H. Clepper
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Dr. G. A. Harter
Historian	-	-	-	-	Prof. Hiram B. Jacobs

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Executive Committee	-	-	-	Dr. G. A. Harter
Finance	-	-	-	D. A. Hollenbaugh
Curio	-	-	-	Jacob K. Miller
Decoration	-	-	-	Samuel Sload
Alumni	-	-	-	Prof. J. S. Simons
Square	-	-	-	C. G. Longenecker
Music	-	-	-	John K. Miller

An Automobile Line will run continuously between
Maytown and Marietta

**MAYTOWN'S
OLD HOME WEEK CELEBRATION
THE 150th ANNIVERSARY**

July 31-August 1, 2, 3, 1911

(Taken from a history written by W. H. Clepper)

The Bicentennial Committee hopes to keep the Old Home Week spirit alive of 50 years ago in the coming celebration July 1, 2, 3, 4, 1960.

In 1909 the Maytown Council, No. 79, O. U. A. M., called a town meeting to consider the subject of the Old Home Week. They elected the following officers for this celebration:

President—James F. Johnstin
Vice-President—Henry B. Haines
Secretary—William H. Clepper
Treasurer—Dr. G. A. Harter
Historian—Prof. Hiram B. Jacobs

The executive committee was appointed as follows:

Dr. G. A. Harter, Chairman; Andrew Albright, Secretary; Charles Welchans, C. G. Longenecker, Charles C. Hicks, John R. Roath, Samuel Sload, Howard Shireman, E. Z. Hoffman.

Finance Committee was headed by the Hon. M. R. Hoffman. Curio Exhibit chairman was Jacob K. Miller. Chairman of the Square Committee was C. G. Longenecker.



Maypole at the home of John R. Roath, a member of the Executive Committee for Old Home Week 1910.

The invitations which were mailed had a picture of the square as it was in 1860. The picture was also used on a souvenir button.

The well in the square at this time (1910) was



Zacharias Barnhart home decorated for Old Home Week.



Mr. Jacob Miller, Chairman of Old Home Week Curio Committee.

surrounded by an iron fence erected in 1879 by Hon. Simon Cameron. The space inside the fence was just 25 feet from post to post. Mrs. Anna M. Harris of Lancaster, a former resident, agreed to give \$200 to beautify the square in honor of her husband who was also a former resident and author of a history of Lancaster County. The square

committee decided to increase the size from post to post to 45 feet, have the well cleaned, install a new wooden pump. Cement walks were planned running north and south and east and west with a cement coping instead of a fence. The coping was surmounted by iron pipe for railing. The plan for the square was designed by Howard J. Longenecker who supplied the railing and erected it.

The work on the square was completed by July 31, 1910. It had a beautiful green covering of grass and blooming flowers were planted.

Enclosed in one of the posts on the square were the following items which are still there:

1. A paper on which was written Mr. Lewis Hartman's name, age, birthplace and occupation. He got the collection together as he was on the Curio Committee.
2. A paper stating that Samuel Sload and his son, Samuel, did the cement work and that Jeffries Shireman did the carpenter work.
3. A gold dollar minted in 1852
4. A Lincoln penny of 1909
5. Half-dime of 1860
6. Indian head penny of 1903
7. Souvenir of Old Home Week pin
8. A printed sheet relating to the event
9. Two very fine Indian arrow-head points

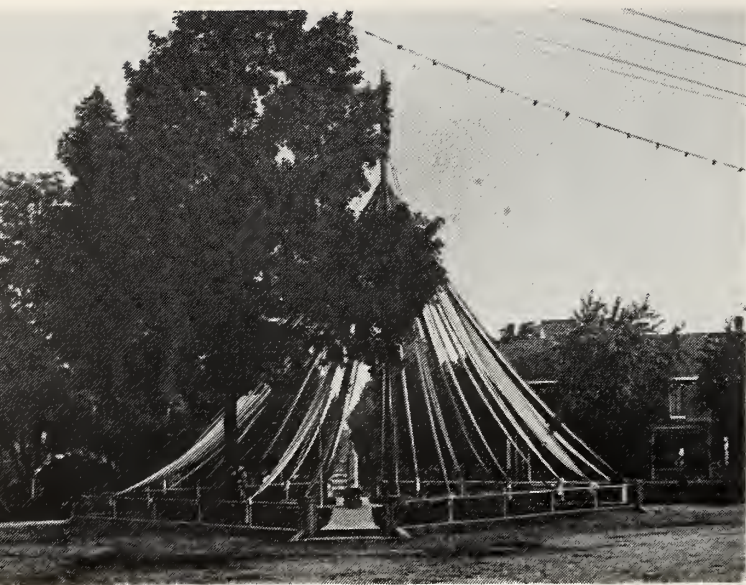
On another post was placed a bronze tablet saying "This square beautified by Hon. Simon Cameron 1879. Reconstructed by Mrs. Anna M. Harris 1910."

A curio exhibit was held in two school rooms. Members of the Curio Committee were present at all times to assist the visitors. Nearly 4,000 pieces were exhibited.

The decorations were the finest. In many lawns



Curio Exhibit



Square decorated for Old Home Week

fronting on the Main Streets were Maypoles large and small.

Old Home Week's colors were green and gold.

The 1910 celebration was inaugurated with the ringing of church and school bells early Sunday morning. Church services were largely attended and a Union Religious service was held on the high school campus in the afternoon.

One of the principal speakers was the Hon. A. L. Martin of Harrisburg, Director of Farmers' Institutes.

A fantastic parade was held Tuesday evening followed by speakers, some of whom were: James B. Albright, Paul Y. Albright, George Morton, all former residents of Maytown.

Wednesday's exercises brought the largest crowd that Maytown ever had within her borders—estimate 5,000. Mr. H. B. Jacobs gave a historical sketch of our village. He spoke for one hour and a half. Then the Hon. W. U. Hensel spoke along historical lines and commended the citizens of the town for inaugurating the Old Home Week movement in Lancaster County.

The parade of Maytown Council No. 79, O. U. A. M. and visiting secret societies was marshalled by Mr. John Grady of Marietta.

A band concert followed and the celebration was fittingly closed by a fine display of fire works on the lot east of the school campus.

"During the entire Old Home Week celebration no unpleasant incidents of any kind occurred to vex or mar the pleasure of the participants."

"This may appear to be a strong statement but it is the literal truth. Everyone was filled with an overflowing spirit of brotherly love and good fellowship. Taking it all in all it was the most enjoyable four days the Citizens of Maytown ever spent."



Replacing the iron pump with a wooden pump and finishing the square for Old Home Week.



Reunion of the pupils of Professor Albert, who taught the advanced school about the time of the Civil War. This reunion was held during Old Home Week.

Left to right Standing: William Clepper, Isaac Carpenter, Walter Hoffman, Christian Longenecker, Harriet Longenecker, Daniel Albright, Elva Hoffman, John Houseal, Emarine Francis, Mrs. Annie Hicks, Clayton Farmer, Mrs. Harriet Carpenter, Abram Fletcher, Hiram Jacobs, William Morton, Mrs. Alice Houseal, James F. Johnstin.

Sitting left to right: Mrs. Annie Rhoads, Miss Helen Hoffman, Miss Rose Shuman, Mrs. Mary Sload, Ephraim Hoffman, Mrs. Annie Hartman, Mr. Arble Houseal, Mrs. Frank Johnstin, Mrs. Sue Wolfe, Mrs. Helen Sload.



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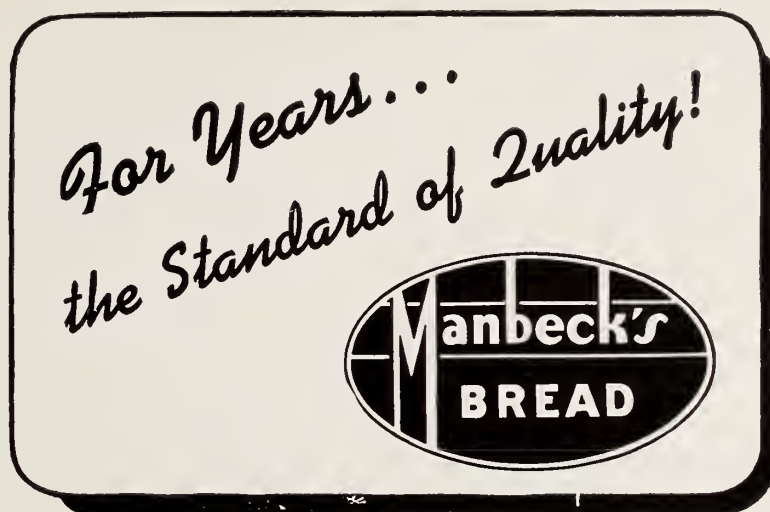
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